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PART ONE
WELCOME BACK, LYLA! OUR AUDIENCE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU BACK IN DUCKBURG!
THANK YOU, DEVON! IT'S A PLEASURE FOR ME TOO!
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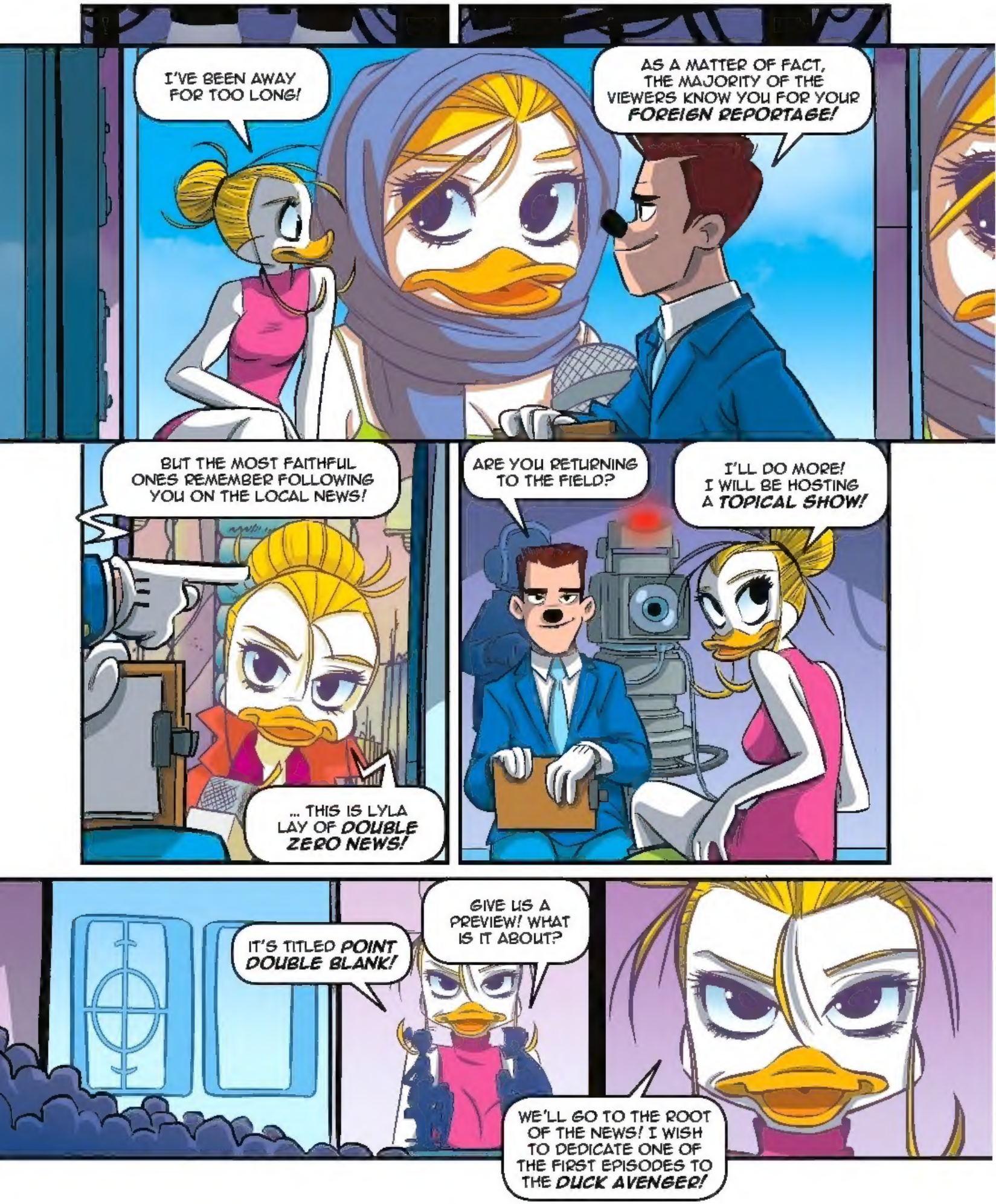
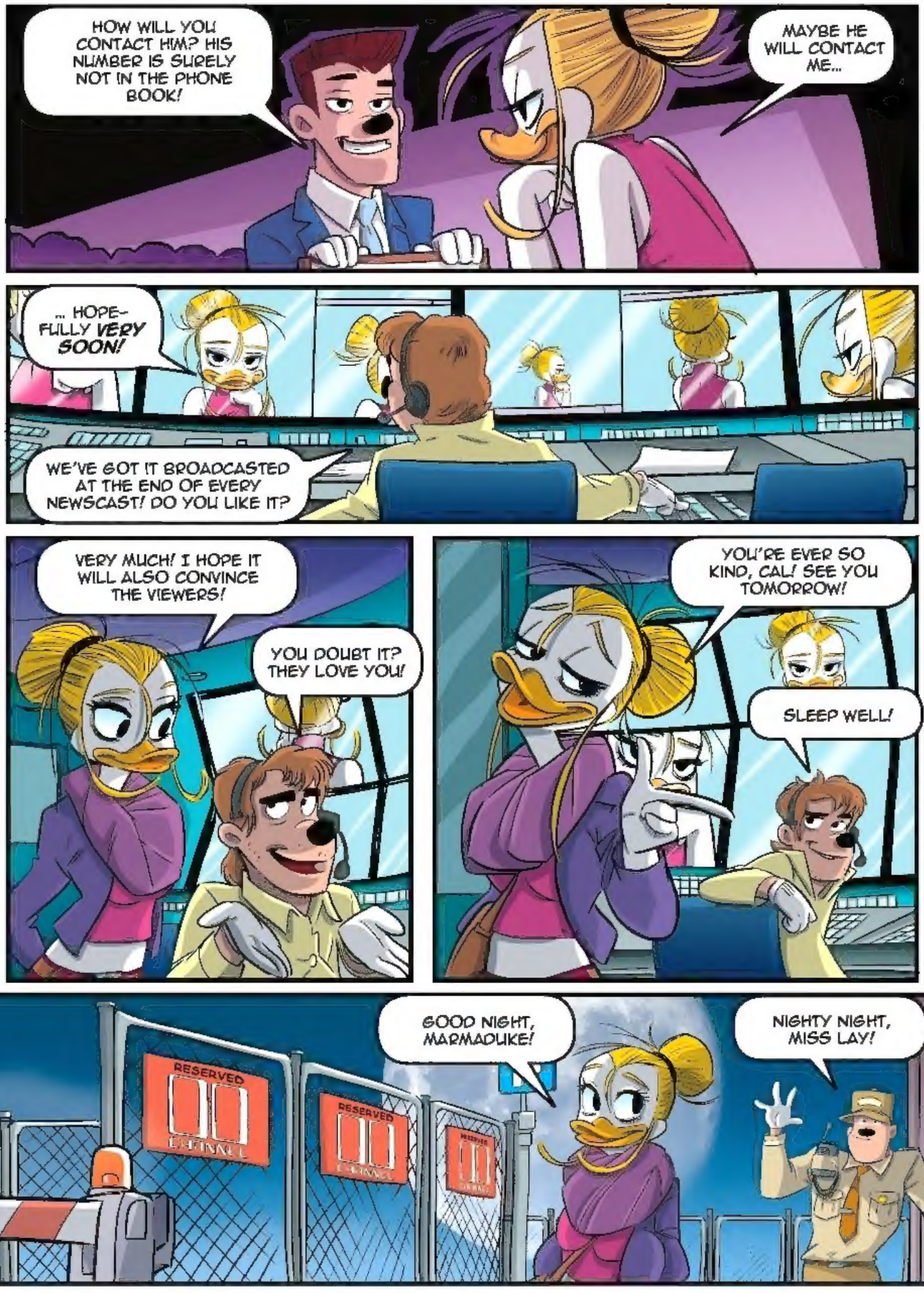
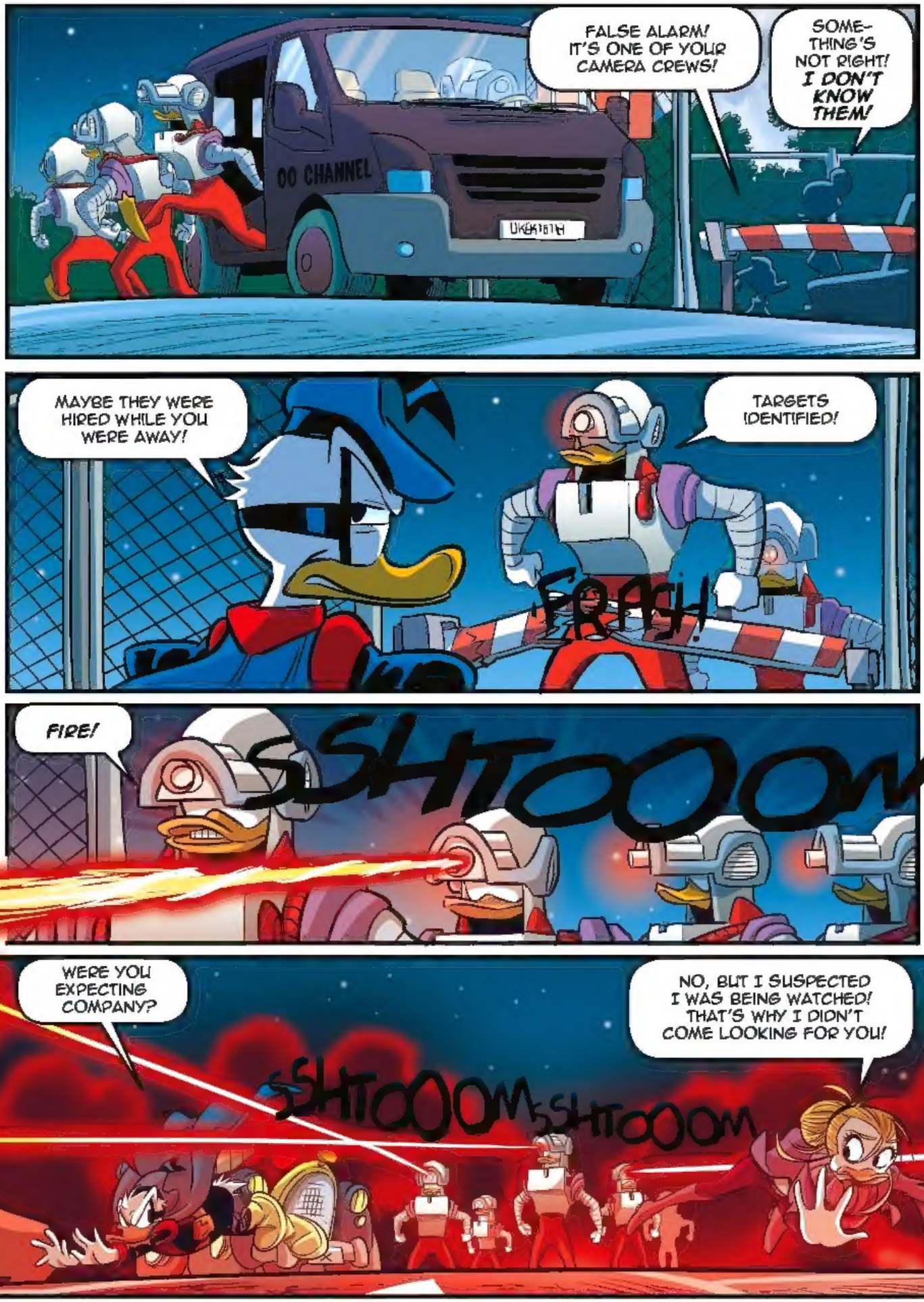

I'VE BEEN AWAY FOR TOO LONG!
AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE MAJORITY OF THE VIEWERS KNOW YOU FOR YOUR FOREIGN REPORTAGE!
BUT THE MOST FAITHFUL ONES REMEMBER FOLLOWING YOU ON THE LOCAL NEWS!
... THIS IS LYLA LAY OF DOUBLE ZERO NEWS!
ARE YOU RETURNING TO THE FIELD?
I'LL DO MORE! I WILL BE HOSTING A TOPICAL SHOW!
IT'S TITLED POINT DOUBLE BLANK!
GIVE US A PREVIEW! WHAT IS IT ABOUT?
WE'LL GO TO THE ROOT OF THE NEWS! I WISH TO DEDICATE ONE OF THE FIRST EPISODES TO THE DUCK AVENGER!


HOW WILL YOU CONTACT HIM? HIS NUMBER IS SURELY NOT IN THE PHONE BOOK!
MAYBE HE WILL CONTACT ME...
... HOPE-FULLY VERY SOON!
WE'VE GOT IT BROADCASTED AT THE END OF EVERY NEWSCAST! DO YOU LIKE IT?
VERY MUCH! I HOPE IT WILL ALSO CONVINCE THE VIEWERS!
YOU DOUBT IT? THEY LOVE YOU!
YOU'RE EVER SO KIND, CAL! SEE YOU TOMORROW!
SLEEP WELL!
GOOD NIGHT, MARMADUKE!
NIGHTY NIGHT, MISS LAY!
RESERVED
RESERVED

WOOOSH
HELLO, LYLA! IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
HELLO, AVENGER!
I WAS CERTAIN YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND THE MESSAGE!
IT WASN'T DIFFICULT! WHY DIDN'T YOU SIMPLY COME SEE ME?
FFSHOOOM
NOBODY WOULD BE SURPRISED! WE USED TO WORK TOGETHER!
I PREFERRED AVOIDING YOUR HOME!
BESIDES, THE ONE I NEED IS YOU, NOT DONA...
QUIET!
SCREEECH


FALSE ALARM! IT'S ONE OF YOUR CAMERA CREWS!
SOME-THING'S NOT RIGHT! I DON'T KNOW THEM!
DO CHANNEL
MAYBE THEY WERE HIRED WHILE YOU WERE AWAY!
TARGETS IDENTIFIED!
FRASH!
FIRE!
SSHTOOOM
WERE YOU EXPECTING COMPANY?
NO, BUT I SUSPECTED I WAS BEING WATCHED! THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T COME LOOKING FOR YOU!
SSHTOOOM SSHTOOOM

BACK TO THE STUDIO, IRONDUCK!
END OF TRANSMISSION!
ZZAP
EH?
ADJUST THE POWER TO MAXIMUM!
SMASH
THESE ARE NOT CAMERAMEN...
... NOR EVEN HUMANS!
ARE THEY YOUR ADMIRERS OR MINE?
WONDERING WHO'S MORE LIKEABLE?
SHTOOOM

I WOULD RATHER KNOW HOW... GASP!
LYLA!
SSHTOOM
BLAM
SURRENDER OR WE WILL FINISH HER!
SHE'S GRABBING SOMETHING! SHOOT!
NO! WAIT!
IT'S NOT A WEAPON, SEE? IT'S MERELY...
CLICK
... A SMARTPHONE!
RRRAAAAK

SO IT'S TRUE THAT CELLPHONES ARE BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH!
MINE CERTAINLY IS! LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THE SCRAP!
LOOK OUT!
VAPH
OOOF!
SELF-DESTRUCTION! WHOEVER SENT THEM DOESN'T WANT TO LEAVE TRACES!
VAPH
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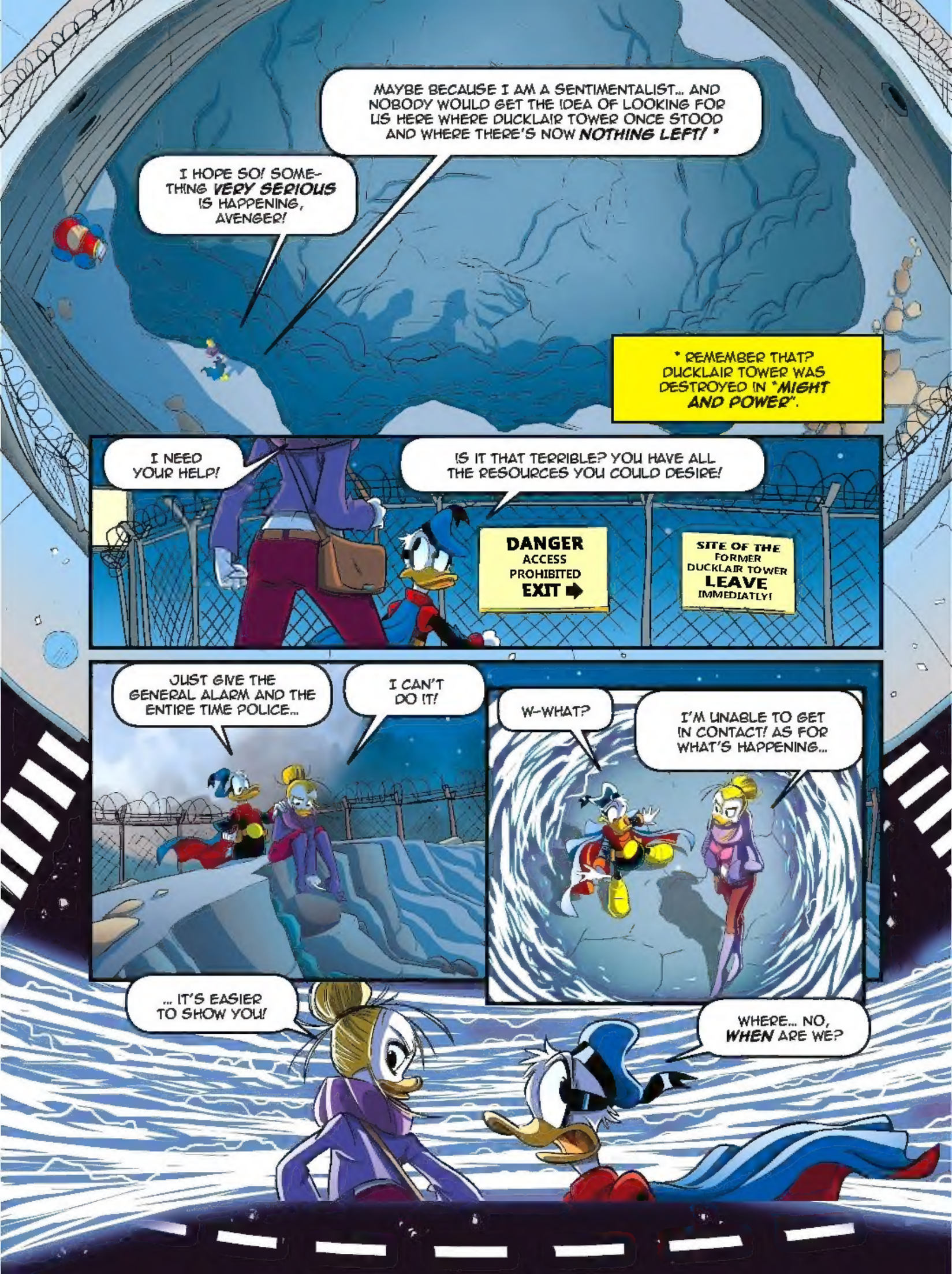
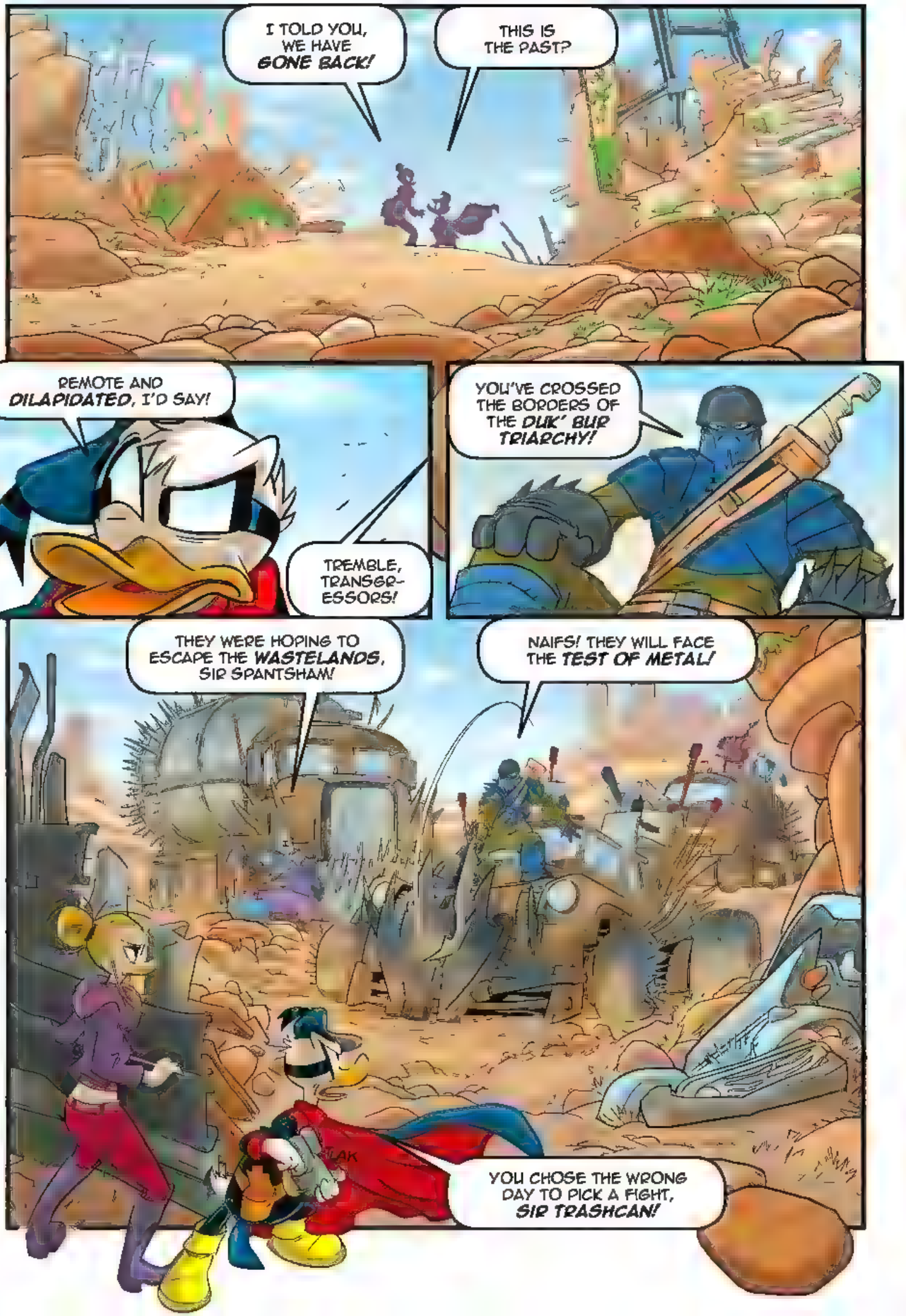
VAPH
LET ME GUESS! DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH WHAT YOU HAVE TO TELL ME?
PROBABLY! INTERESTED?
YOU BET I AM...
"... BUT LET'S GO TALK ELSEWHERE!"
WHY RIGHT HERE?

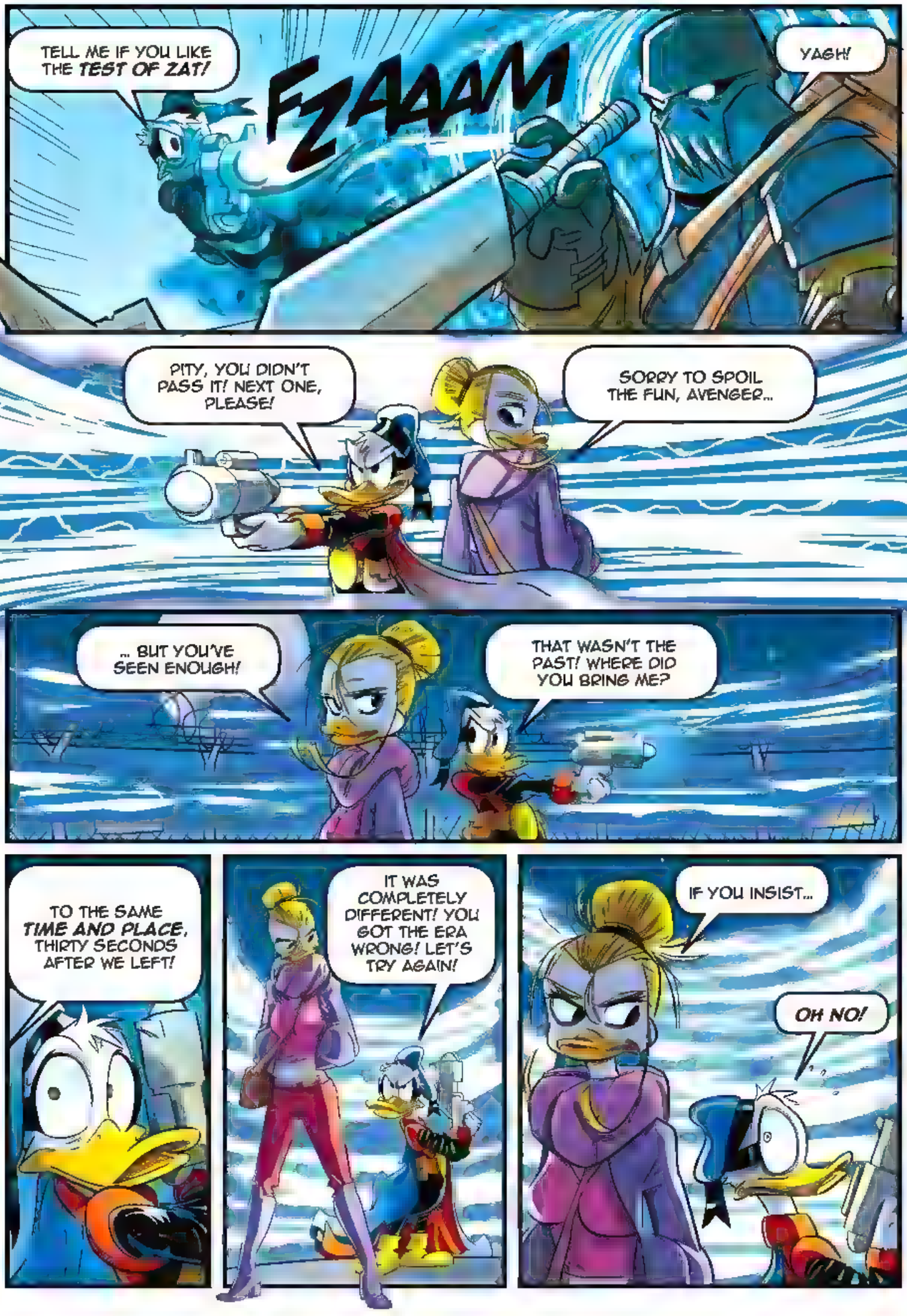

MAYBE BECAUSE I AM A SENTIMENTALIST... AND NOBODY WOULD GET THE IDEA OF LOOKING FOR US HERE WHERE DUCKLAIR TOWER ONCE STOOD AND WHERE THERE'S NOW NOTHING LEFT! *
I HOPE SO! SOMETHING VERY SERIOUS IS HAPPENING, AVENGER!
* REMEMBER THAT? DUCKLAIR TOWER WAS DESTROYED IN "MIGHT AND POWER".
I NEED YOUR HELP!
IS IT THAT TERRIBLE? YOU HAVE ALL THE RESOURCES YOU COULD DESIRE!
DANGER ACCESS PROHIBITED EXIT
SITE OF THE FORMER DUCKLAIR TOWER LEAVE IMMEDIATLY!
JUST GIVE THE GENERAL ALARM AND THE ENTIRE TIME POLICE...
I CAN'T DO IT!
W-WHAT?
I'M UNABLE TO GET IN CONTACT! AS FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING...
... IT'S EASIER TO SHOW YOU!
WHERE... NO, WHEN ARE WE?

IN THE TWENTY-THIRD CENTURY! DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE IT?
NO! YET I SHOULD, SINCE I'VE BEEN THERE!
I REMEMBER IT BEING FULL OF DROIDS! WHERE ARE THEY?
I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO KNOW!
INSTEAD I SEE A BUNCH OF... URGH!
OOPS! SORRY!
THUD
DON'T WORRY ABOUT... EEEH? AN EVRONIAN!
YES, SO? I SAID I WAS SORRY, DIDN'T I?

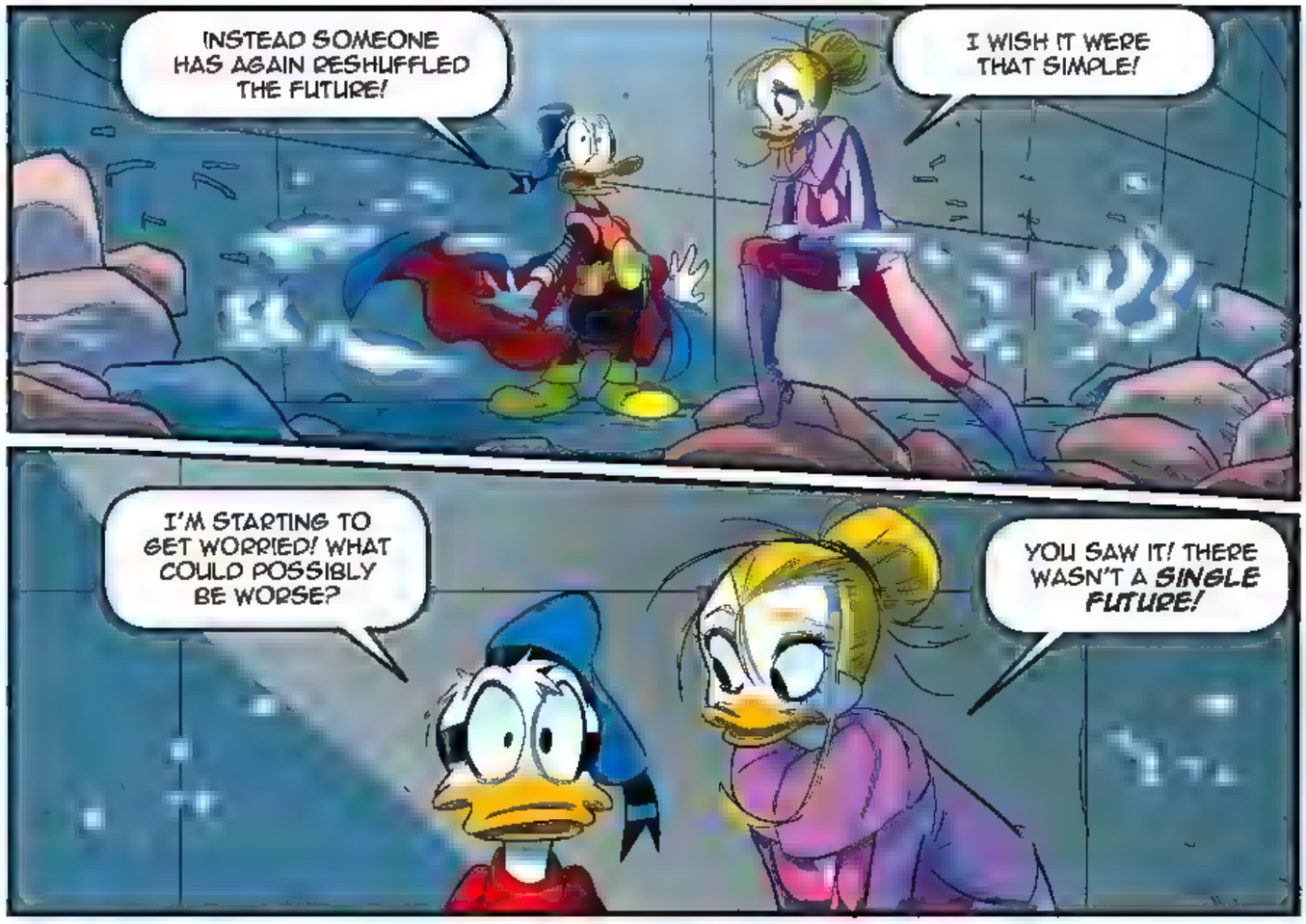
ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE ONE OF THOSE ALIENOPHOBES?
HOW CAN THIS BE?
IT'S NOT OVER! WATCH THIS!
EXCUSE ME, COULD YOU DIRECT ME TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE TIME POLICE?
EH? THE TIME... WHAT?
DIDN'T YOU HEAR? THE LADY IS LOOKING FOR THE POLICE!
NO! THE TIME POLICE!
THE ONE THAT CONTROLS TIME TRAVEL!
NEVER MIND HIM! IT'S HIS WAY OF JOKING!
ARE YOU JERKING ME AROUND, YOUNG MAN? TIME TRAVEL IS IMPOSSIBLE!

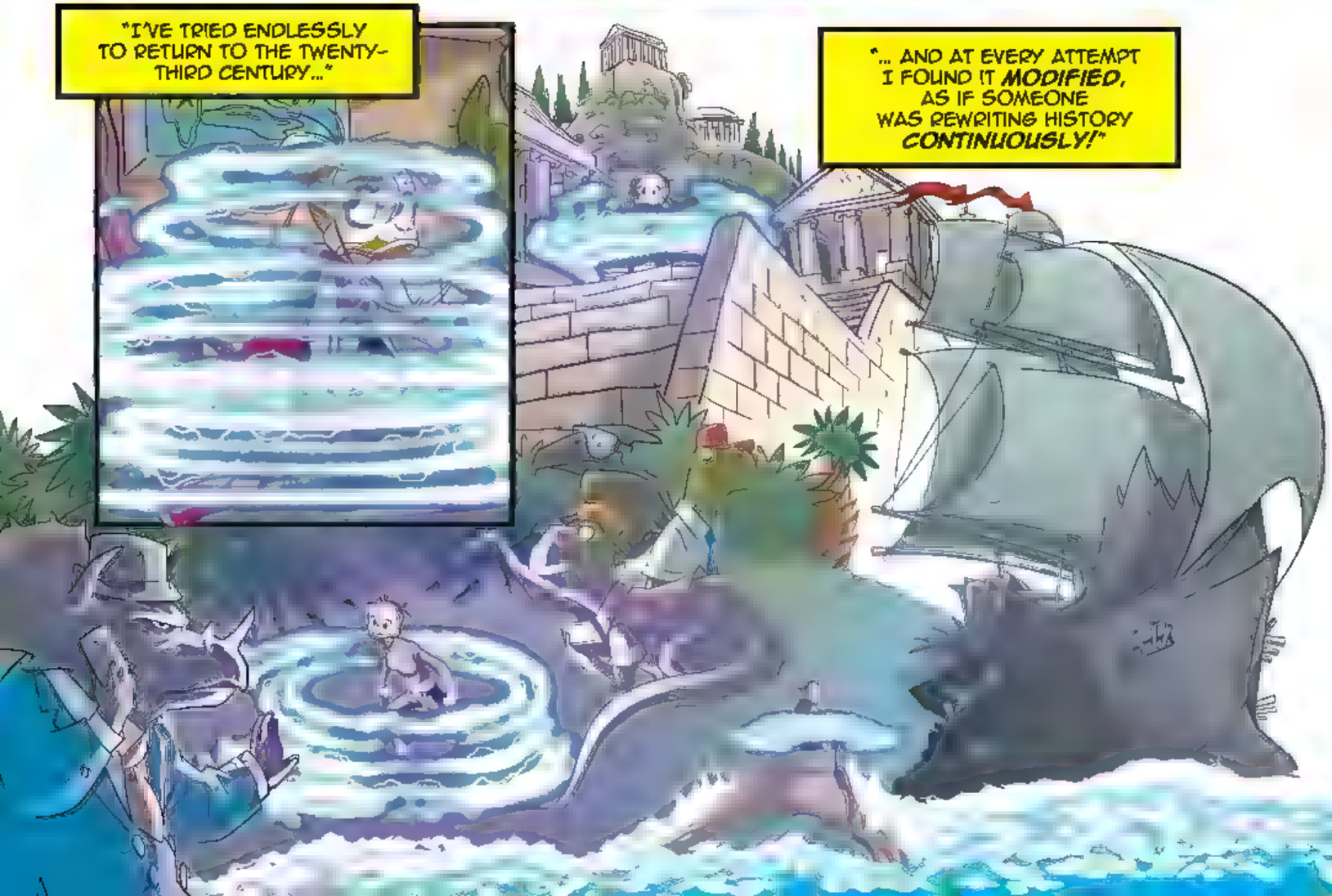
WHY DON'T YOU KEEP YOURSELVES INFORMED? WE JUST CAME FROM THE...
LET IT GO! THE TECHNOLOGY OF CHRONO-TRANSLATION DOESN'T EXIST HERE!
THUS NEITHER DOES THE TIME POLICE!
EEEH?
21ST CENTURY...
SOMEONE HAS MADE IT SO THAT TIME TRAVEL WAS NEVER INVENTED!
BUT THEN YOU... HOW CAN YOU BE HERE?
IT'S ONLY A SMALL PARADOX! IF YOU WANT TO SEE SOMETHING TRULY ABSURD...
... LET'S GO BACK!
WITHOUT EVEN PASSING GO! WHAT IS THIS PLACE?


I TOLD YOU, WE HAVE GONE BACK!
THIS IS THE PAST?
REMOTE AND DILAPIDATED, I'D SAY!
TREMBLE, TRANSGR-ESSORS!
YOU'VE CROSSED THE BORDERS OF THE DUK' BUR TRIARCHY!
THEY WERE HOPING TO ESCAPE THE WASTELANDS, SIR SPANTSHAM!
NAIFS! THEY WILL FACE THE TEST OF METAL!
YOU CHOSE THE WRONG DAY TO PICK A FIGHT, SIR TRASHCAN!

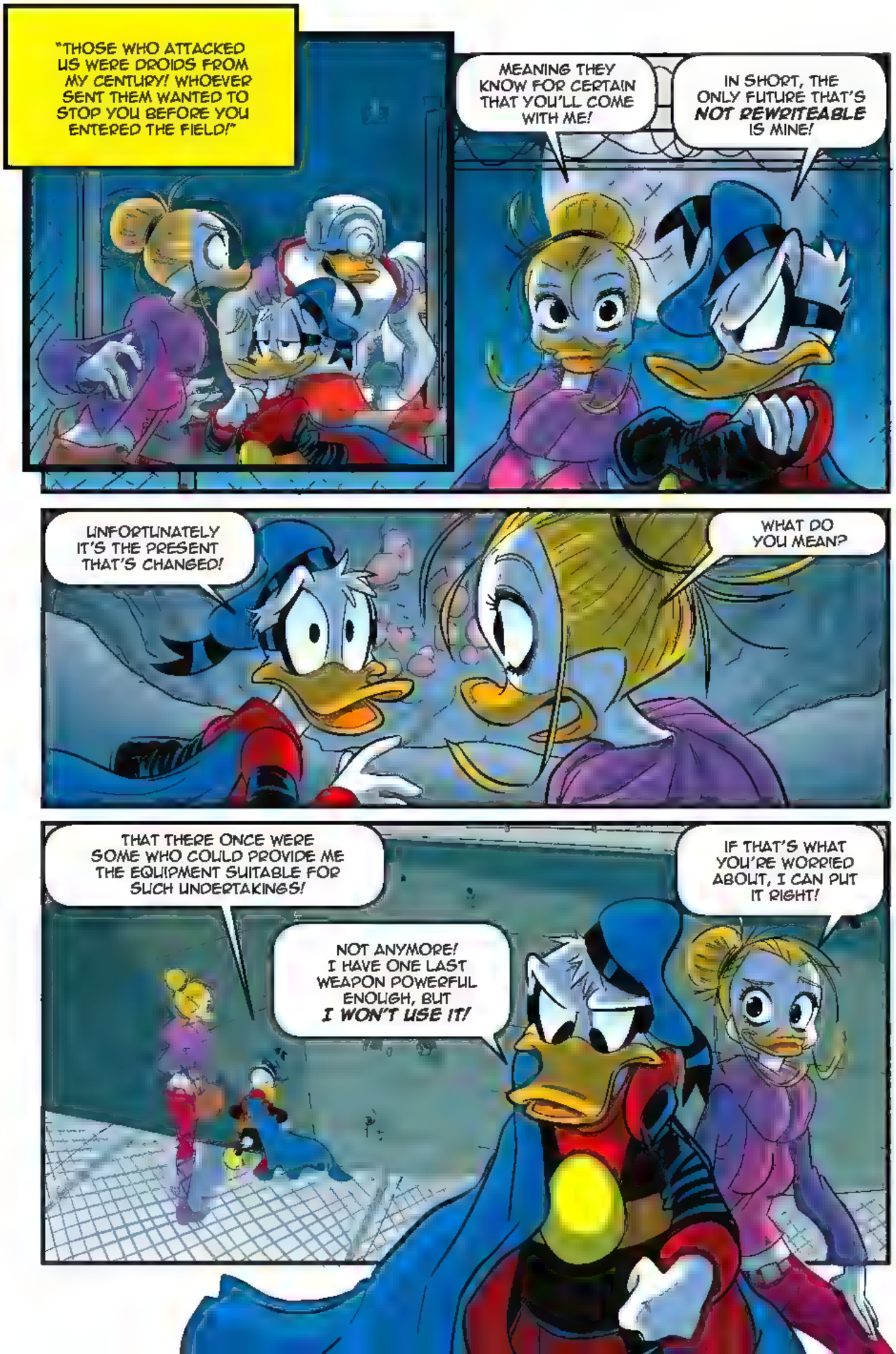

TELL ME IF YOU LIKE THE TEST OF ZAT!
FZAAAM
YAGH!
PITY, YOU DIDN'T PASS IT! NEXT ONE, PLEASE!
SORRY TO SPOIL THE FUN, AVENGER...
... BUT YOU'VE SEEN ENOUGH!
THAT WASN'T THE PAST! WHERE DID YOU BRING ME?
TO THE SAME TIME AND PLACE, THIRTY SECONDS AFTER WE LEFT!
IT WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT! YOU GOT THE ERA WRONG! LET'S TRY AGAIN!
IF YOU INSIST...
OH NO!

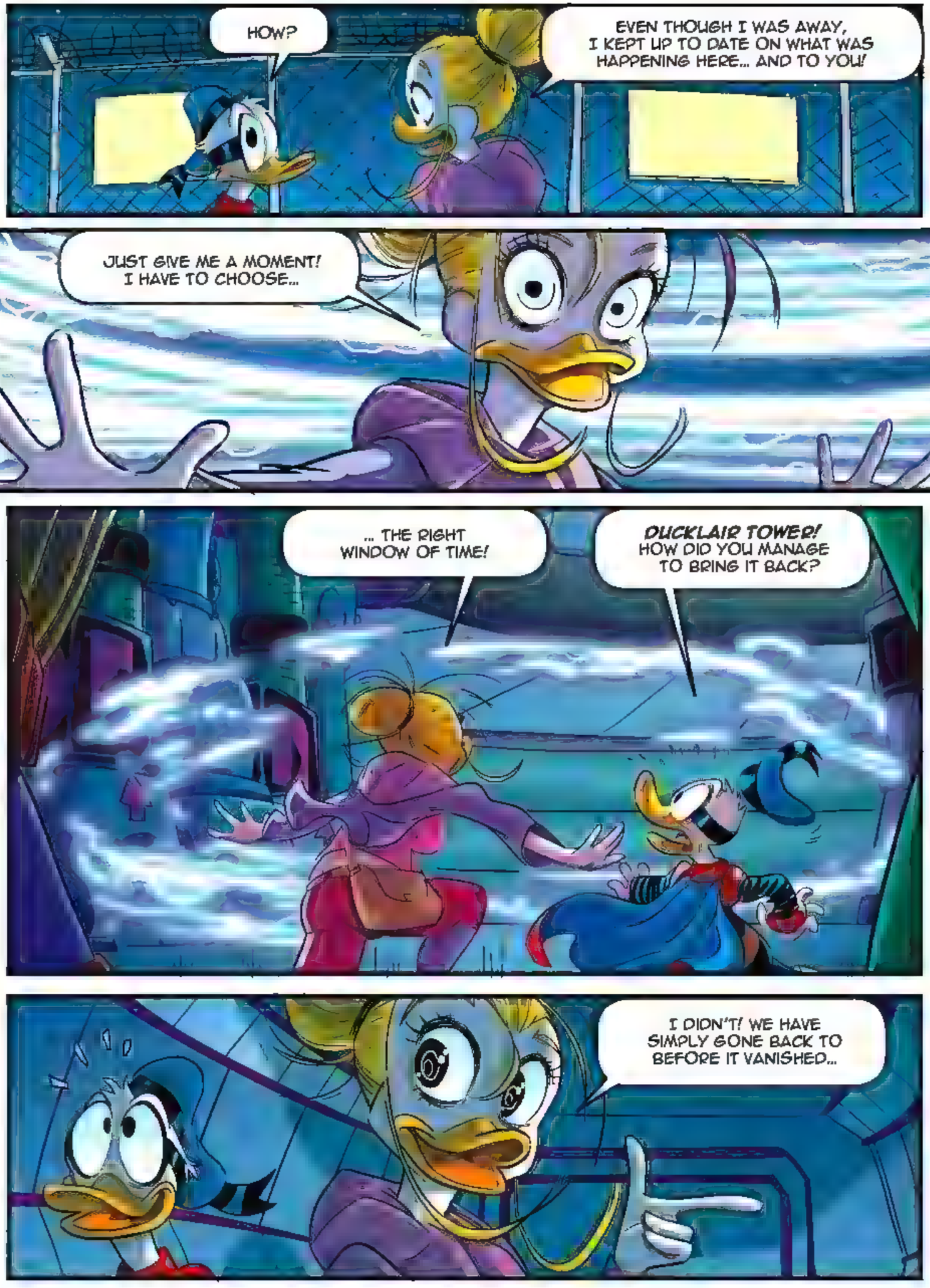
THIS IS THE VERSION OF THE FUTURE WHERE EVRON HAS CONQUERED EARTH!
IF SO, IT'S BEST THAT WE LEAVE!
I AGREE! AND WE SHOULD DO SO QUICKLY!
SCOUTSHIP GWARDOON TO CENTRAL COMMAND! I HAVE TWO SUBJECTS NOT COOLFLAMIZED!
DO YOU GET IT NOW?
I THOUGHT I HAD FIXED EVERYTHING WHEN I DEFEATED EMPEROR GRRODON! *
* THAT ALSO HAPPENED IN "MIGHT AND POWER".


INSTEAD SOMEONE HAS AGAIN RESHUFFLED THE FUTURE!
I WISH IT WERE THAT SIMPLE!
I'M STARTING TO GET WORRIED! WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE WORSE?
YOU SAW IT! THERE WASN'T A SINGLE FUTURE!


"I'VE TRIED ENDLESSLY TO RETURN TO THE TWENTY-THIRD CENTURY..."
"... AND AT EVERY ATTEMPT I FOUND IT MODIFIED, AS IF SOMEONE WAS REWRITING HISTORY CONTINUOUSLY!"

BUT IN NONE OF THE ALTERNATIVES IS THERE A TIME POLICE!
BUT YOUR HEADQUARTERS SHOULD BE IMMUNE TO CHANGES!
IT'S CALLED TIME Ø PRECISELY BECAUSE IT'S HOOKED TO THAT THING...
THE CHRONO-LIBRATION FULCRUM, OUTSIDE OF SPACETIME!
TIME Ø DOES NOT RESPOND AND IS UNREACHABLE! I FEAR THAT IT'S BEEN DESTROYED!
I REMAINED ISOLATED, SO I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN RESTORE THE CHRONOCONTINUITY!
ARE YOU TRYING TO DUMP ME? I'M ALSO IN ON THIS!
I DIDN'T DOUBT IT! YOU HAVE IN FACT ALREADY ACCEPTED TO HELP ME!


"THOSE WHO ATTACKED US WERE DROIDS FROM MY CENTURY! WHOEVER SENT THEM WANTED TO STOP YOU BEFORE YOU ENTERED THE FIELD!"
MEANING THEY KNOW FOR CERTAIN THAT YOU'LL COME WITH ME!
IN SHORT, THE ONLY FUTURE THAT'S NOT REWRITEABLE IS MINE!
UNFORTUNATELY IT'S THE PRESENT THAT'S CHANGED!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THAT THERE ONCE WERE SOME WHO COULD PROVIDE ME THE EQUIPMENT SUITABLE FOR SUCH UNDERTAKINGS!
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT, I CAN PUT IT RIGHT!
NOT ANYMORE! I HAVE ONE LAST WEAPON POWERFUL ENOUGH, BUT I WON'T USE IT!

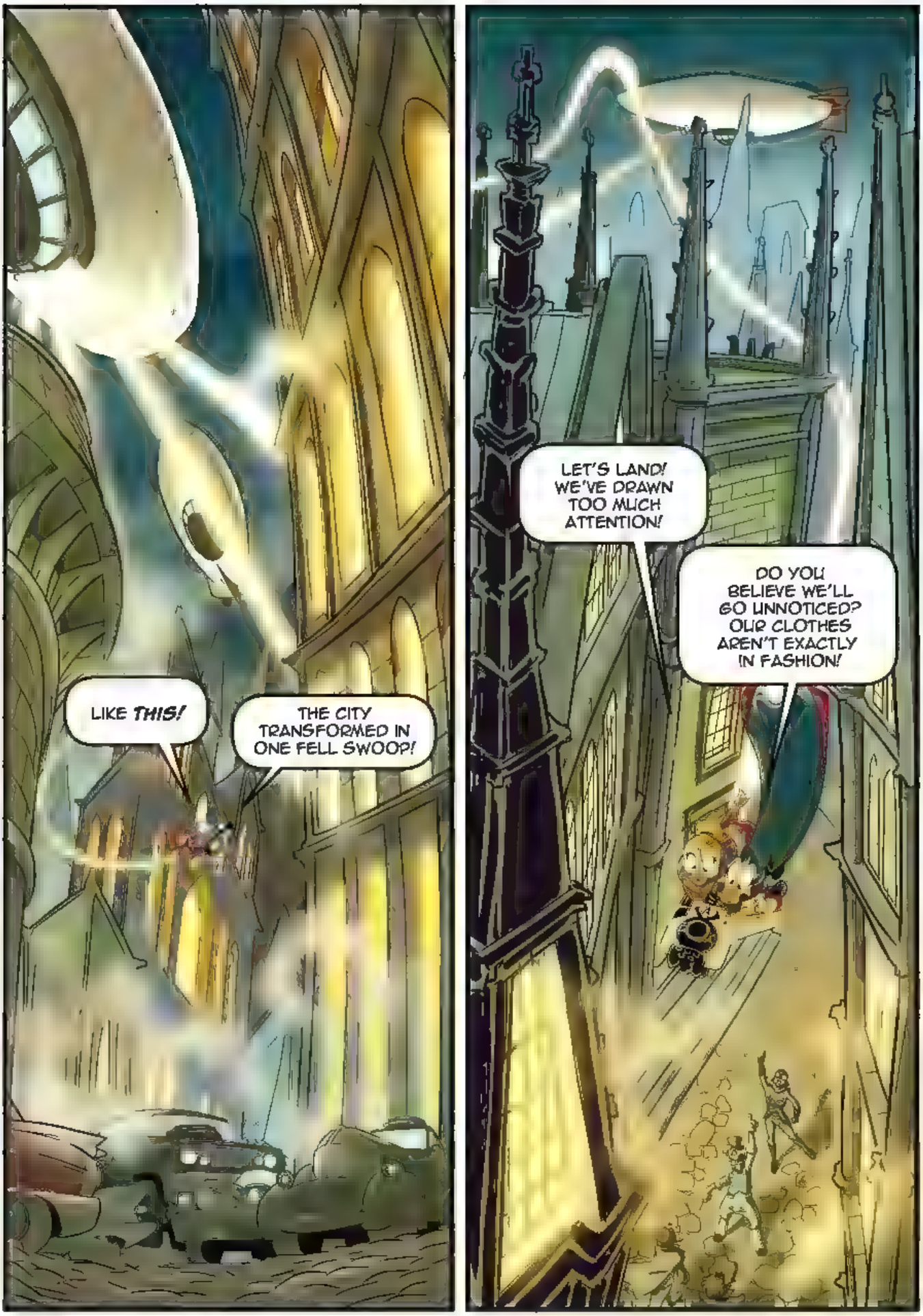

HOW?
EVEN THOUGH I WAS AWAY, I KEPT UP TO DATE ON WHAT WAS HAPPENING HERE... AND TO YOU!
JUST GIVE ME A MOMENT! I HAVE TO CHOOSE...
... THE RIGHT WINDOW OF TIME!
DUCKLAIR TOWER! HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO BRING IT BACK?
I DIDN'T! WE HAVE SIMPLY GONE BACK TO BEFORE IT VANISHED...

... BUT WHEN YOU HAD ALREADY GONE BACK TO YOUR OLD WAYS!
KUDOS, BUT IT WON'T BE ENOUGH!
WHAT I NEED IS SAFELY HIDDEN! WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET TO IT WITHOUT THE HELP OF SOMEONE!
YOU'RE REFERRING TO YOUR MYSTERIOUS PARTNER?
YOU SHOULD HAVE MORE TRUST IN ME! I ALSO KNOW A FEW TRICKS!
SYSTEM ACTIVATED!
WHAT FLOOR, SIR?
"ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIRST, THANK YOU!"
IT FEELS STRANGE TO SEE IT SO... EMPTY!

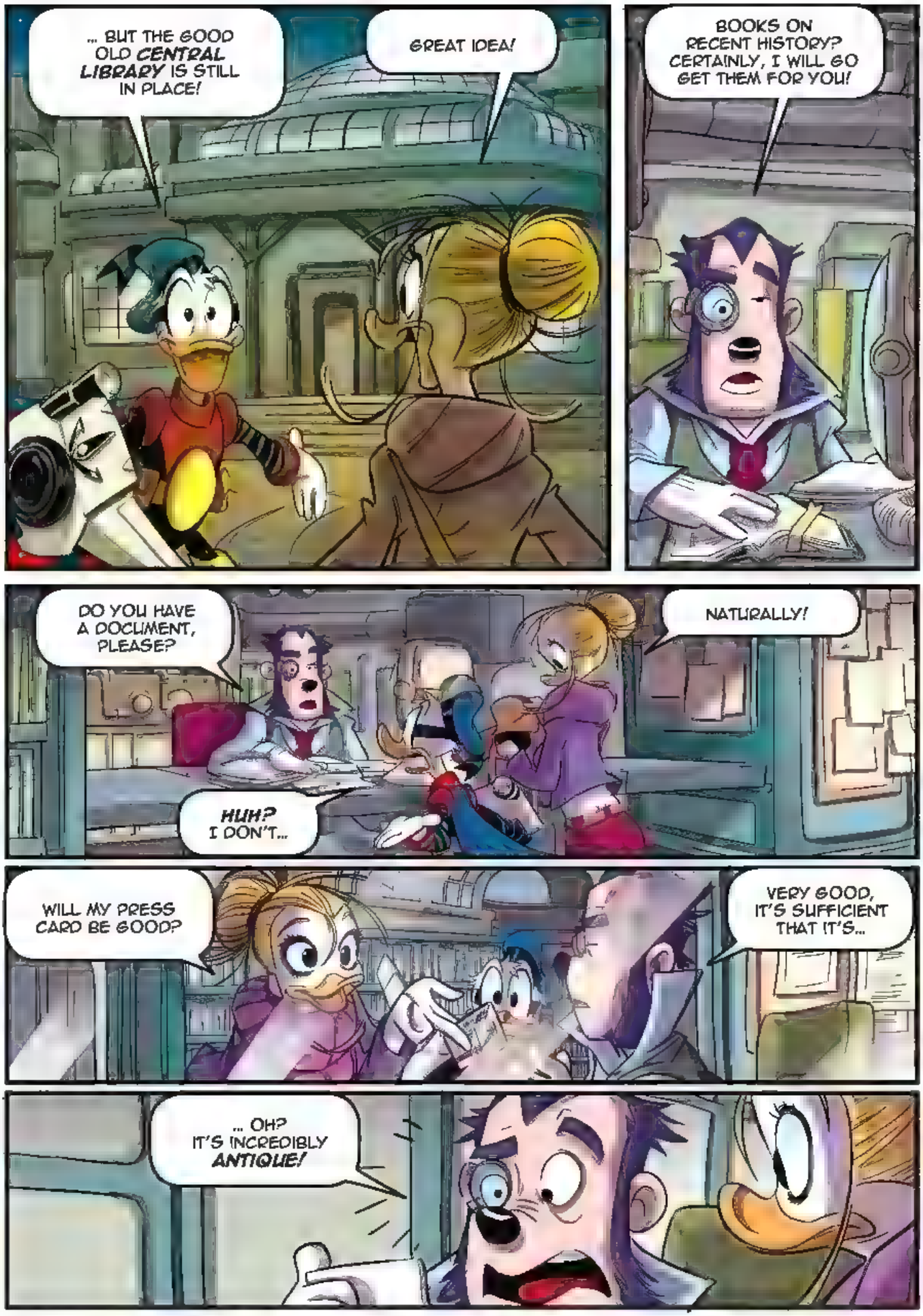
SOMETIMES I ASK MYSELF IF THINGS COULD HAVE GONE DIFFERENTLY!
DO YOU WISH TO CHANGE THE PAST, AVENGER?
CAREFUL, THAT'S HOW SOME BECOME CHRONOCRIMINALS!
ROGER THAT, TIME POLICE OFFICER!
DON'T YOU WORRY! I'VE HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH OF ALTERNATIVE FUTURES!
YOU'LL DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THOSE WITH AN ARSENAL LIKE THIS!
THAT'S ALL FOR SHOW! ALL I NEED IS MY X-TRANSFORMER SHIELD!
I AM NOW READY TO CONFRONT WHATEVER ADVERSARY!
WHO WE FIRST MUST FIND!

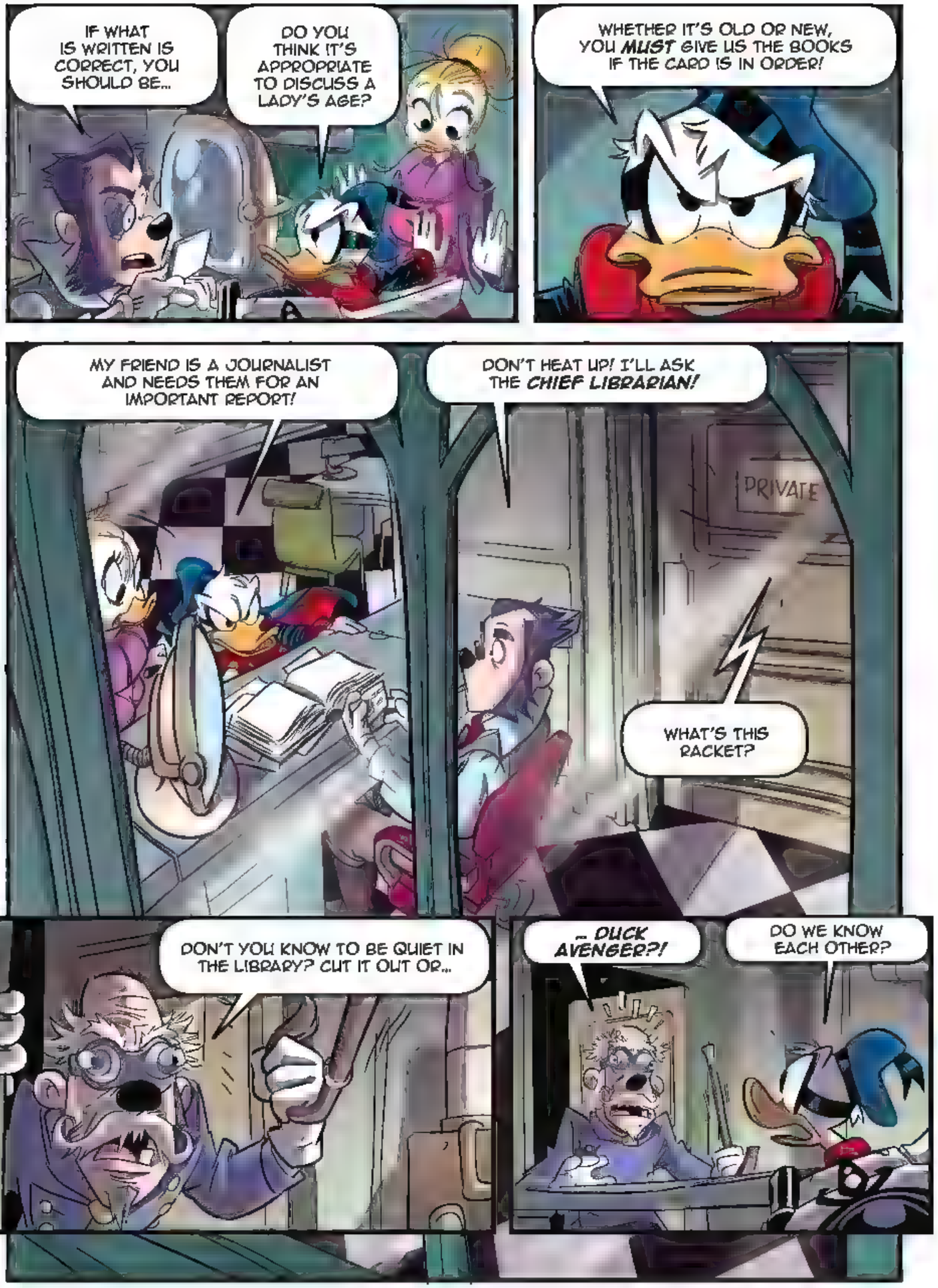
WHERE DO WE GO?
INTO THE FUTURE, BUT AT REDUCED SPEED!
MAYBE THAT WAY WE'LL MANAGE TO LOCATE THE ALTERATION ZERO!
WHAT'S THAT? TRANSLATE!
IT'S THE MOMENT WHERE TIME HAS STARTED TO DEVIATE FROM ITS COURSE!
HOW DO WE RECOGNIZE IT? HAVING ONLY SEEN A BIT OF THE TWENTY-THIRD CENTURY, I WON'T BE ABLE TO SPOT ANYTHING THAT'S WRONG!
I WILL NOTICE IT! I HAVE THE CORRECT VERSION IN MY DATABANKS!
I THOUGHT THAT WAS AGAINST REGULATION FOR GUARDIAN DROIDS!
INDEED IT IS, BUT I'VE NONETHELESS TAKEN A FEW PEEKS OVER THE YEARS!

WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO LOCATE ANY ANOMALIES BY ADVANCING A FEW DECADES AT A TIME!
IN THE SENSE OF ODDITIES? I SEE AS MANY AS I CAN!
IT'S ONLY PROGRESS! DID YOU EXPECT DUCKBURG TO ALWAYS REMAIN THE SAME AS YOUR TIME?
BESIDES, THE ALTERATION SHOULD BE SOMETHING MACROSCOPIC!
LIKE WHAT?

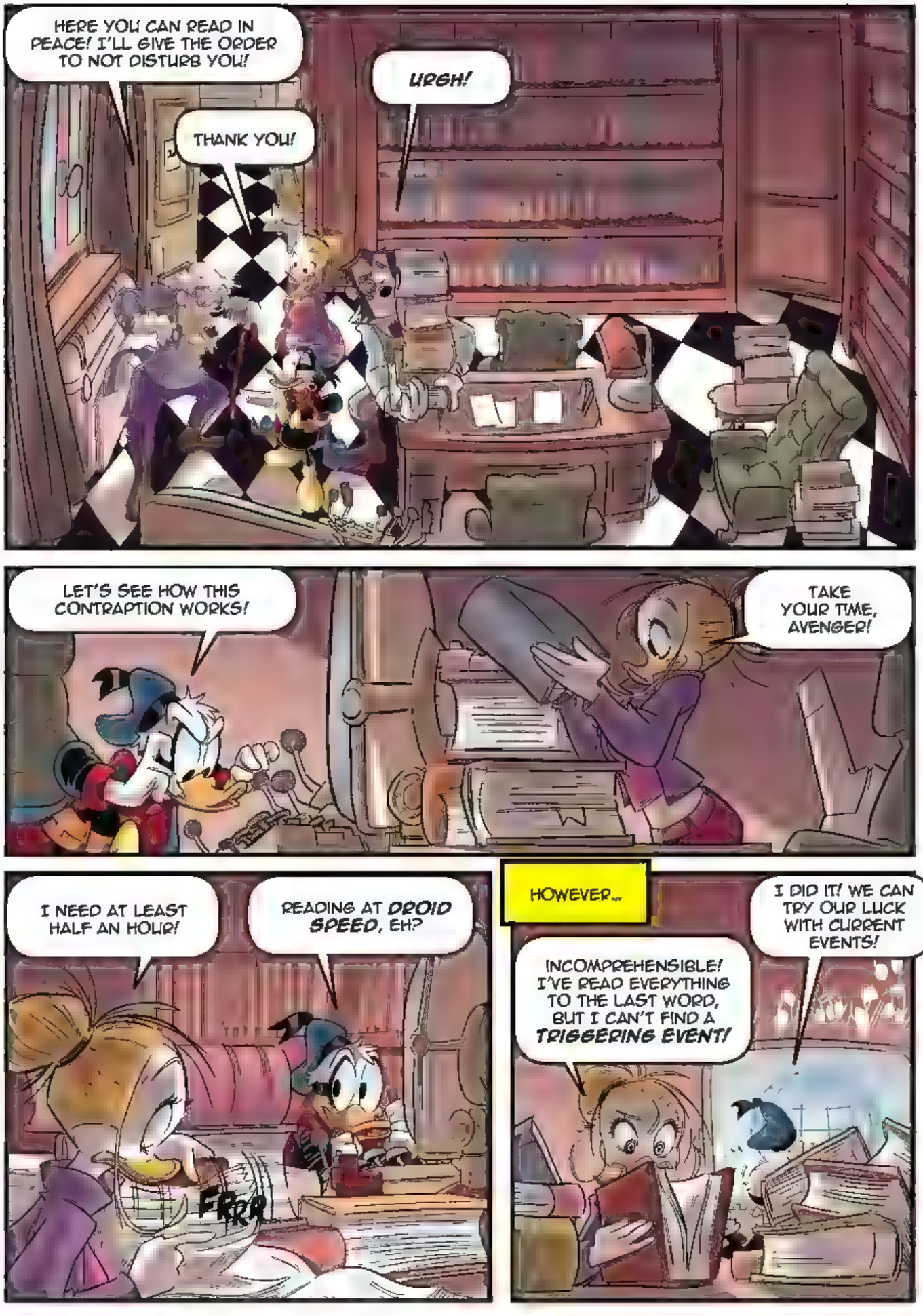

LET'S LAND! WE'VE DRAWN TOO MUCH ATTENTION!
DO YOU BELIEVE WE'LL GO UNNOTICED? OUR CLOTHES AREN'T EXACTLY IN FASHION!
THE CITY TRANSFORMED IN ONE FELL SWOOP!
LIKE *THIS!*

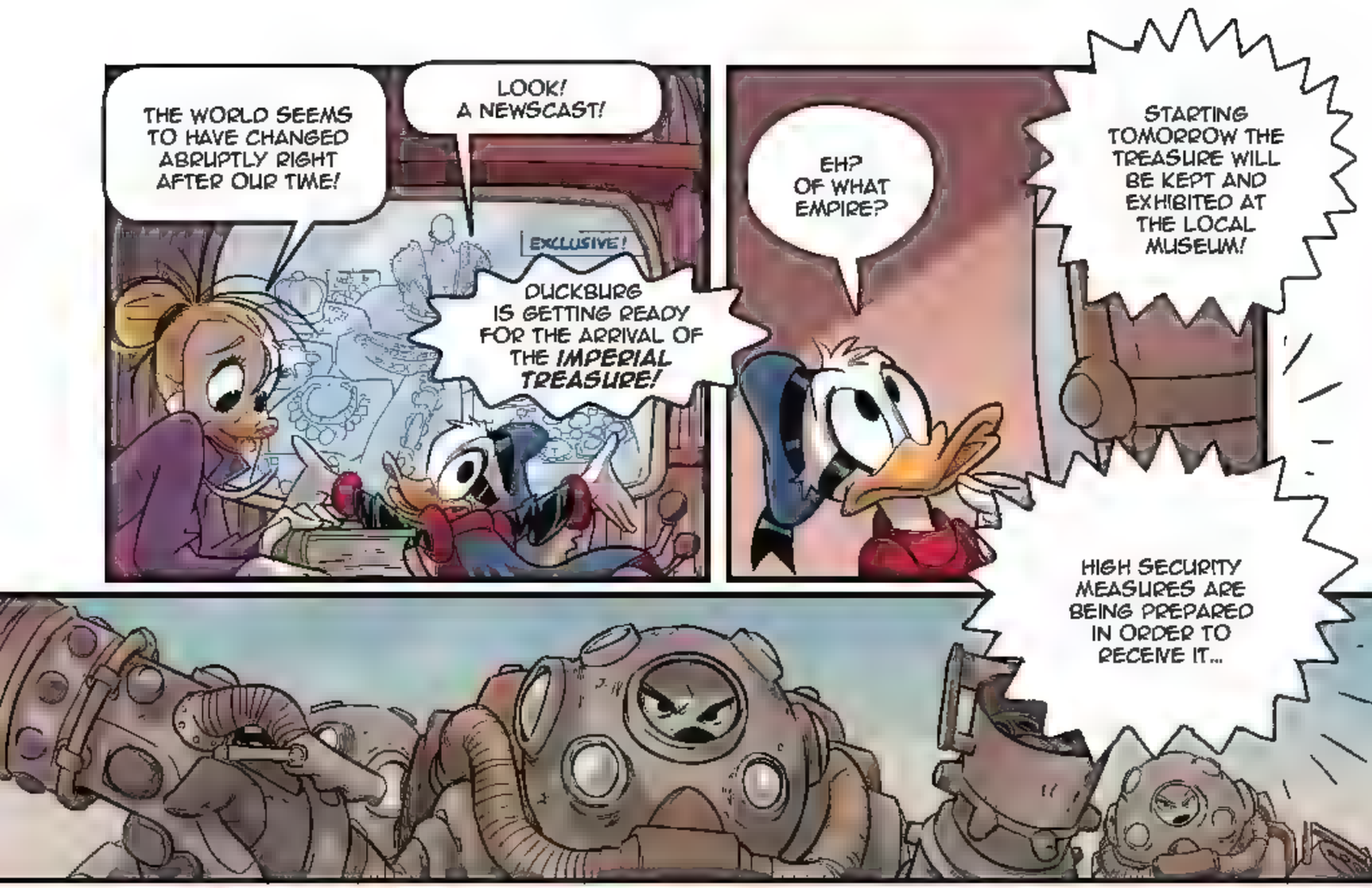
WE'LL ONLY STAY LONG ENOUGH TO DISCOVER WHEN EVERYTHING CHANGED!
A GOOD HISTORY BOOK WILL SUFFICE!
BUT...
WHERE DID YOU GET THESE BILLS? THEY'VE BEEN OUT OF USE FOR AN ETERNITY!
AT BEST YOU CAN SELL THEM TO SOME COLLECTOR!
CAN'T YOU EXTEND US CREDIT IN THE MEANTIME?
SORRY, WE NEVER DO SO FOR ECCENTRIC COSTUMERS!
CLOSED!
I DIDN'T IMAGINE THAT PROCURING A BOOK WOULD BE A PROBLEM!
BUYING ONE, MAYBE...

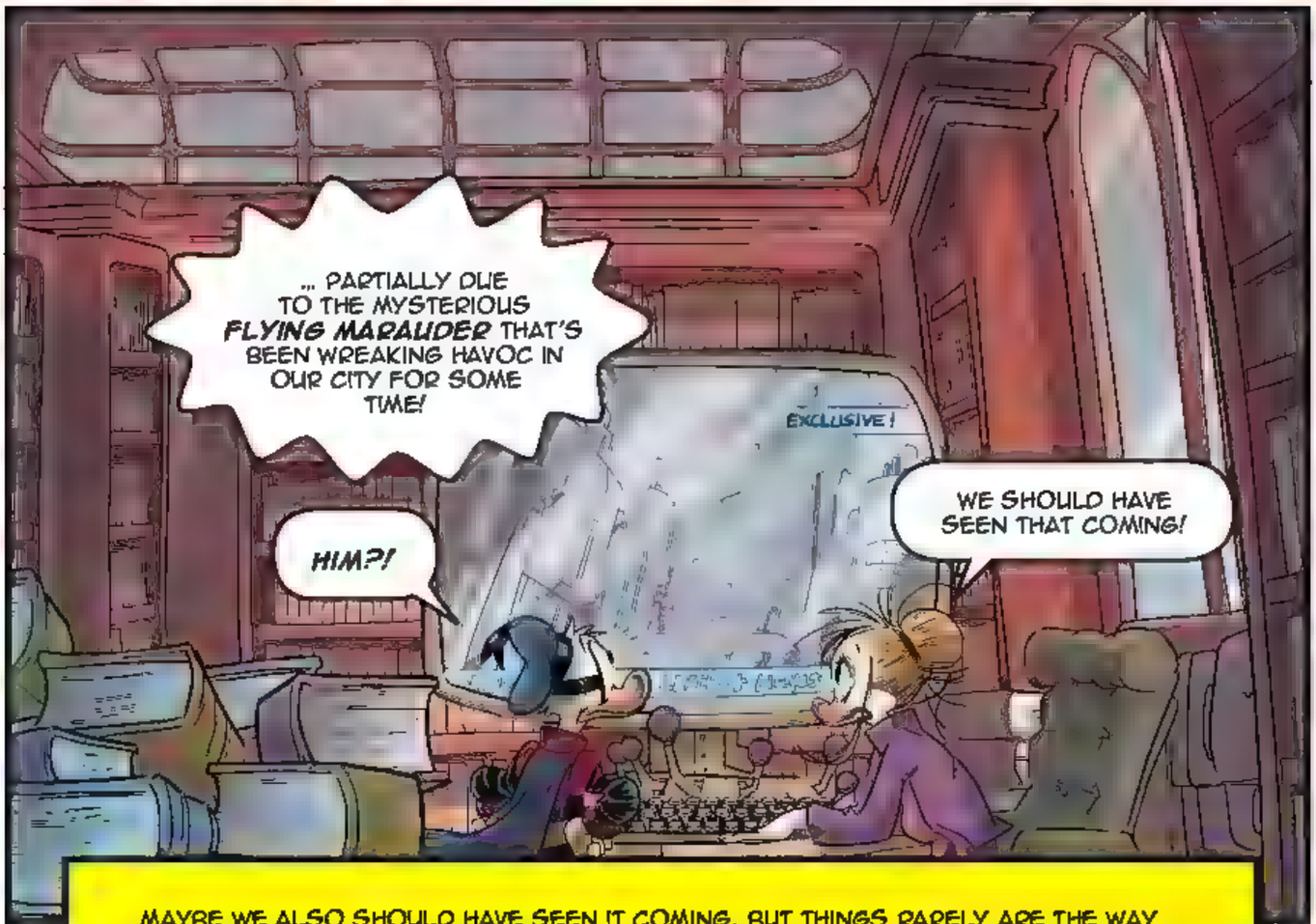

... BUT THE GOOD OLD CENTRAL LIBRARY IS STILL IN PLACE!
GREAT IDEA!
BOOKS ON RECENT HISTORY? CERTAINLY, I WILL GO GET THEM FOR YOU!
DO YOU HAVE A DOCUMENT, PLEASE?
NATURALLY!
HUH? I DON'T...
WILL MY PRESS CARD BE GOOD?
VERY GOOD, IT'S SUFFICIENT THAT IT'S...
... OH? IT'S INCREDIBLY ANTIQUE!


IF WHAT IS WRITTEN IS CORRECT, YOU SHOULD BE...
DO YOU THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS A LADY'S AGE?
WHETHER IT'S OLD OR NEW, YOU *MUST* GIVE US THE BOOKS IF THE CARD IS IN ORDER!
MY FRIEND IS A JOURNALIST AND NEEDS THEM FOR AN IMPORTANT REPORT!
DON'T HEAT UP! I'LL ASK THE *CHIEF LIBRARIAN!*
PRIVATE
WHAT'S THIS RACKET?
DON'T YOU KNOW TO BE QUIET IN THE LIBRARY? CUT IT OUT OR...
... *DUCK AVENGER?!*
DO WE KNOW EACH OTHER?

YOU DON'T, BUT I DO! EVER SINCE I WAS A YOUNG BOY AND YOU WERE OUR MASKED PALADIN!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL THESE YEARS?
IT'S A LONG STORY! I'LL TELL YOU ANOTHER TIME!
FIRST WE HAVE THE URGENCY OF READING UP ON THE HISTORY OF THE TWENTY-THIRD CENTURY!
IMMEDIATELY! MOVE IT, BOGQUORM!
YES SIR, RIGHT AWAY!
WE ALSO NEED SOME NEWS-PAPERS, OR A TELEVISION!
WHERE ARE YOU FROM? THOSE NO LONGER EXIST!
BUT IN MY OFFICE THERE'S A RADIONET TERMINAL!


HERE YOU CAN READ IN PEACE! I'LL GIVE THE ORDER TO NOT DISTURB YOU!
THANK YOU!
URGH!
LET'S SEE HOW THIS CONTRAPTION WORKS!
TAKE YOUR TIME, AVENGER!
I NEED AT LEAST HALF AN HOUR!
READING AT DROID SPEED, EH?
FRRR
HOWEVER...
I DID IT! WE CAN TRY OUR LUCK WITH CURRENT EVENTS!
INCOMPREHENSIBLE! I'VE READ EVERYTHING TO THE LAST WORD, BUT I CAN'T FIND A TRIGGERING EVENT!


THE WORLD SEEMS TO HAVE CHANGED ABRUPTLY RIGHT AFTER OUR TIME!
LOOK! A NEWSCAST!
EXCLUSIVE!
DUCKBURG IS GETTING READY FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE IMPERIAL TREASURE!
EH? OF WHAT EMPIRE?
STARTING TOMORROW THE TREASURE WILL BE KEPT AND EXHIBITED AT THE LOCAL MUSEUM!
HIGH SECURITY MEASURES ARE BEING PREPARED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE IT...


... PARTIALLY DUE TO THE MYSTERIOUS FLYING MARAUDER THAT'S BEEN WREAKING HAVOC IN OUR CITY FOR SOME TIME!
EXCLUSIVE!
HIM?!
WE SHOULD HAVE SEEN THAT COMING!

MAYBE WE ALSO SHOULD HAVE SEEN IT COMING, BUT THINGS RARELY ARE THE WAY WE IMAGINE THEM... AS YOU WILL REALIZE IN THE NEXT PART!

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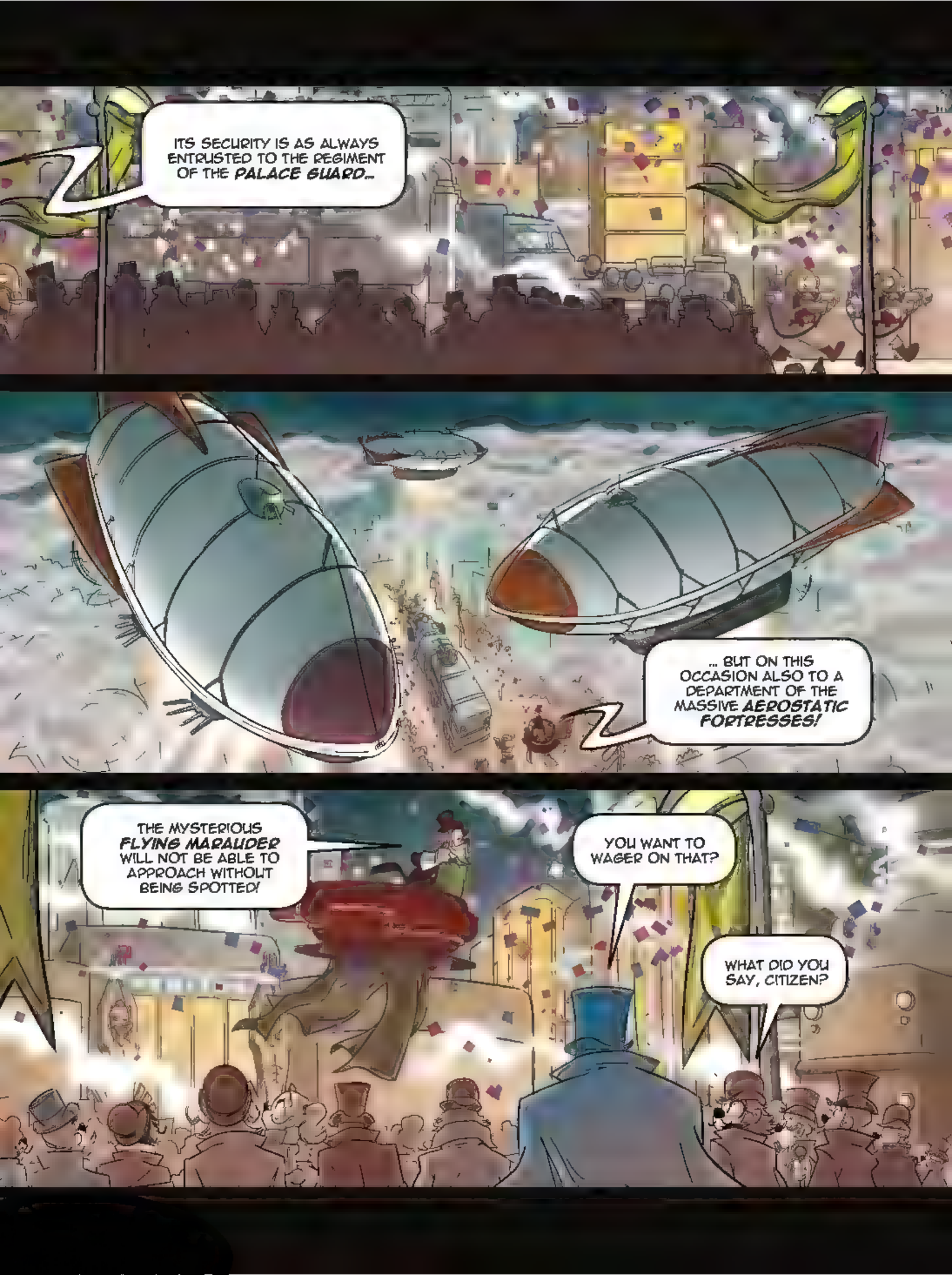
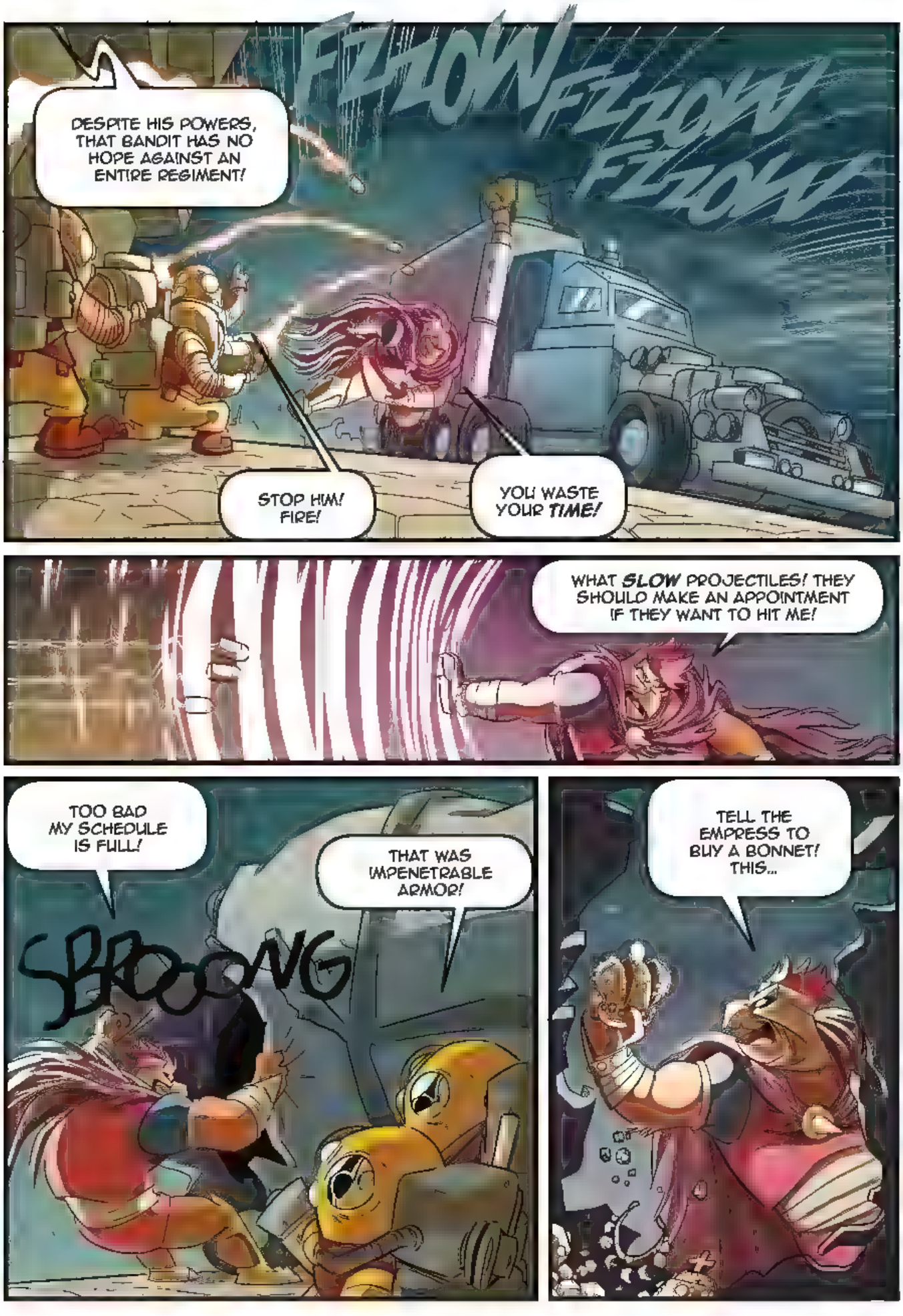

ITS SECURITY IS AS ALWAYS ENTRUSTED TO THE REGIMENT OF THE PALACE GUARD...
... BUT ON THIS OCCASION ALSO TO A DEPARTMENT OF THE MASSIVE AEROSTATIC FORTRESSES!
THE MYSTERIOUS FLYING MARAUDER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO APPROACH WITHOUT BEING SPOTTED!
YOU WANT TO WAGER ON THAT?
WHAT DID YOU SAY, CITIZEN?

I'M SAYING THAT I FELT LIKE GOING FOR A WALK TODAY!
AAAH!
IT'S HIM!
THE MARAUDER IS ASSAULTING THE TRANSPORT! HE TOOK US BY SURPRISE!
ARE YOU THE DELIVERY BOYS? COMPLIMENTS ON YOUR PUNCTUALITY!
SHALL I GIVE THE ORDER TO INTERVENE?
NEGATIVE! WE RISK HITTING THE CROWD!
KEEP CALM! OUR INTERVENTION IS NOT NECESSARY!


DESPITE HIS POWERS, THAT BANDIT HAS NO HOPE AGAINST AN ENTIRE REGIMENT!
FZZLOW
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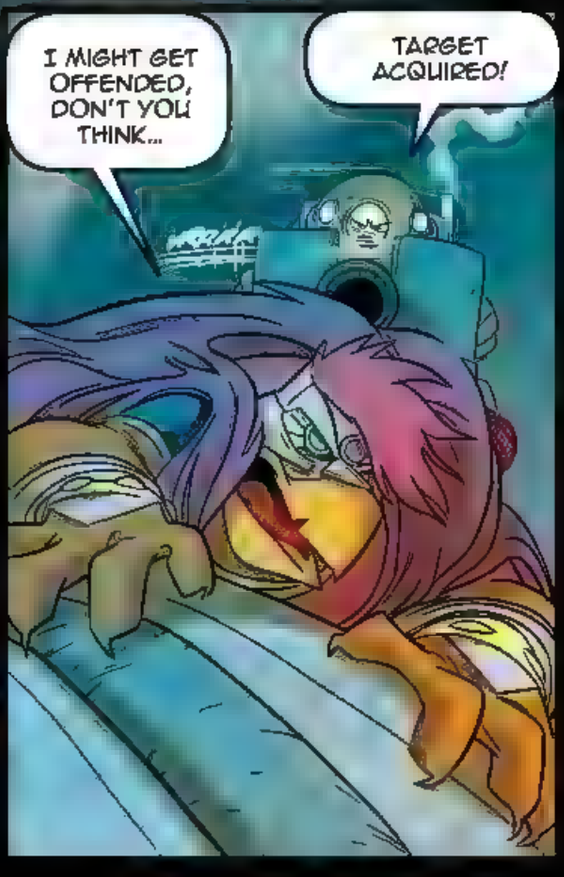
STOP HIM! FIRE!
YOU WASTE YOUR TIME!
WHAT SLOW PROJECTILES! THEY SHOULD MAKE AN APPOINTMENT IF THEY WANT TO HIT ME!
TOO BAD MY SCHEDULE IS FULL!
THAT WAS IMPENETRABLE ARMOR!
SBROONG
TELL THE EMPRESS TO BUY A BONNET! THIS...

... IS COMING WITH ME!
LOOK WHO IT IS!
FINALLY YOU'VE SHOWN UP!
DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WE WERE LATE!
WERE YOU BORED, RAIDER?
CERTAINLY NOT! IN COMPANY I ALWAYS KNOW HOW TO PASS THE TIME!
SMAASH
URGH!
GOOD FOR YOU! NOW SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR FRIENDS AND COME WITH US!
EASY THERE, LI'L MASKY!

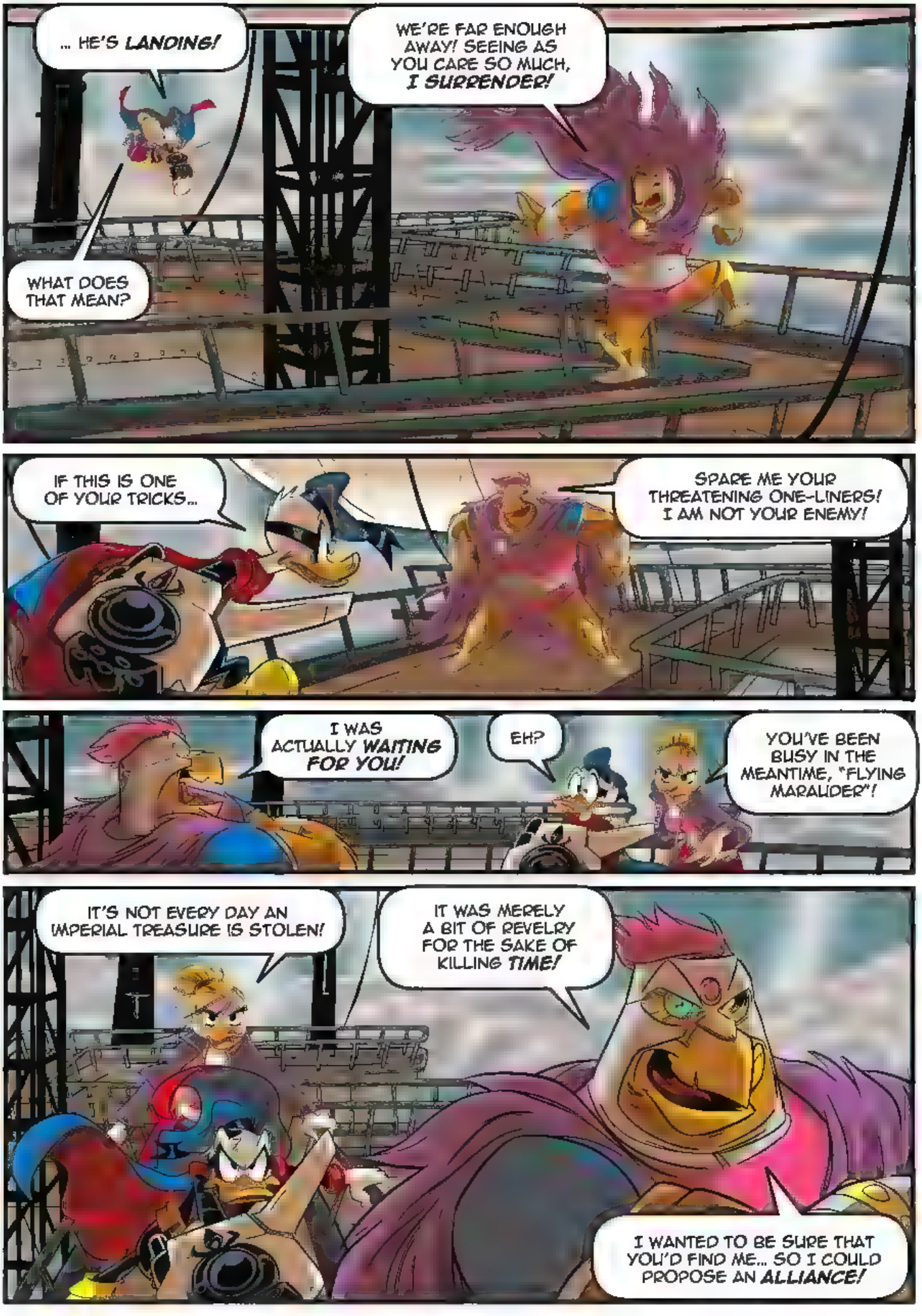
I'M NOT HERE TO LET MYSELF BE CAPTURED, BUT TO TALK!
YOU'LL DO SO, I GUARANTEE IT!
UNNGH!
FZZOW FZZOW
FZZOW FZZOW

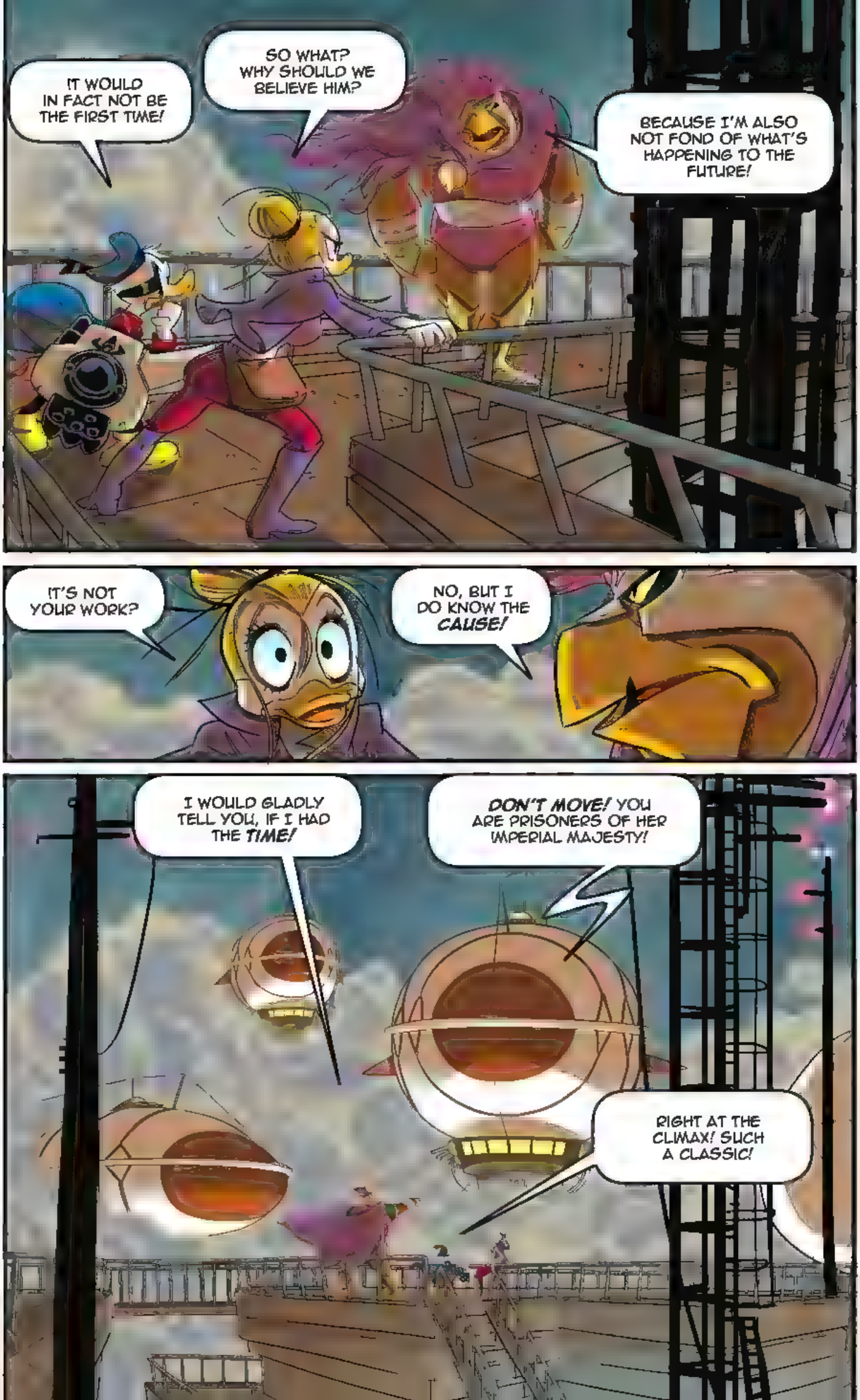
YOU WILL TELL US WHAT YOU DID TO HISTORY AND WHO SENT YOU!
RAWGH

IT'S A PLAN TOO COMPLICATED FOR A BARBARIAN LIKE YOU!
YOU MISJUDGE ME, AGENT!
UEEW

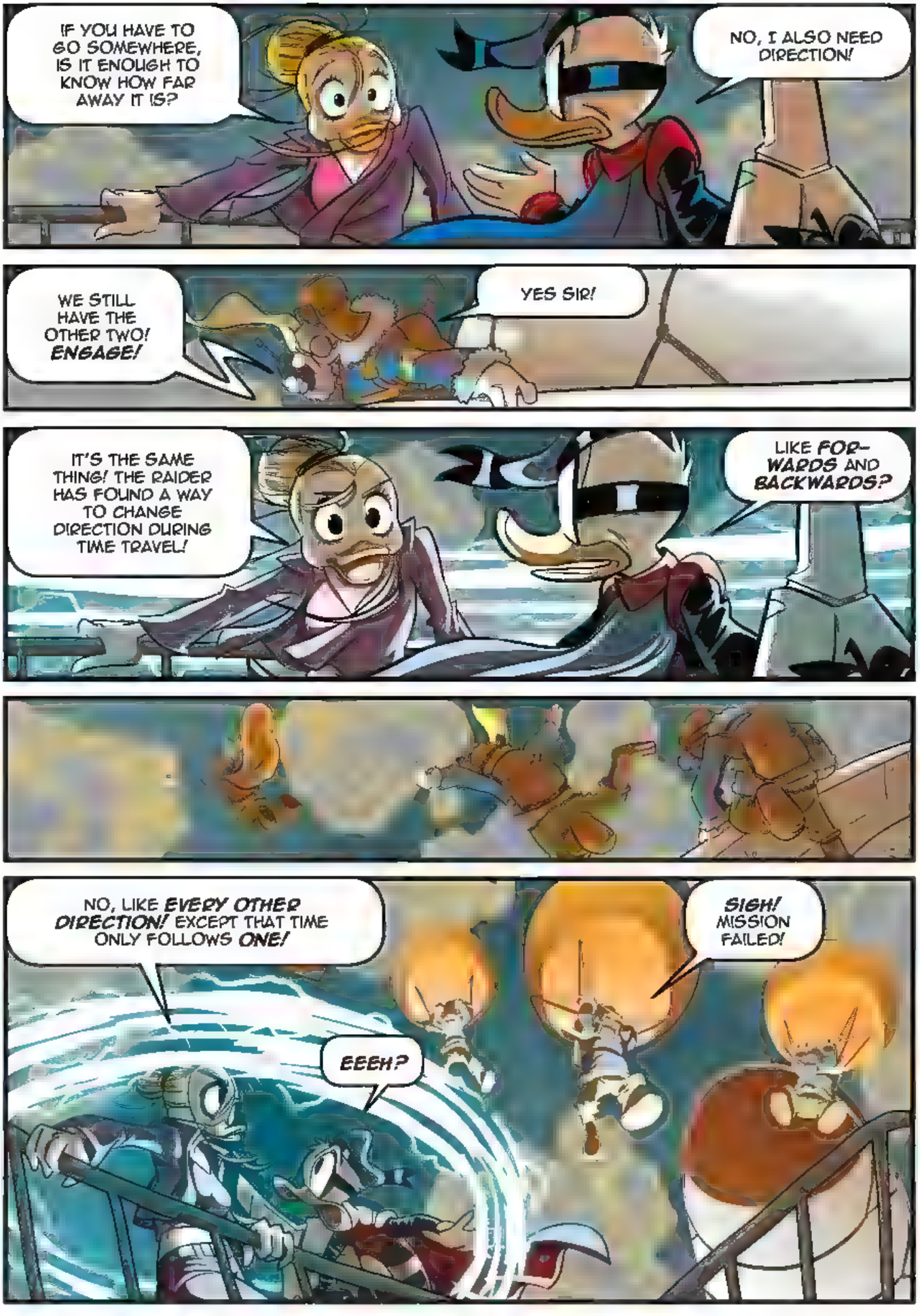

I MIGHT GET OFFENDED, DON'T YOU THINK...
TARGET ACQUIRED!

GRUNT! THERE'S TOO MUCH FUSS HERE FOR CHATTING!
FTHOOOH
AYEEEH!
BYE BYE! TIME FLIES AND SO DO I!
AFTER HIM!
WE'VE MANAGED TO PUSH THEM BACK!
NOTIFY COMMAND!
IF HE ESCAPES TO ANOTHER ERA WE'LL NEVER CATCH HIM!
I DON'T THINK HE WANTS TO LEAVE, LYLA...


... HE'S LANDING!
WE'RE FAR ENOUGH AWAY! SEEING AS YOU CARE SO MUCH, I SURRENDER!
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
IF THIS IS ONE OF YOUR TRICKS...
SPARE ME YOUR THREATENING ONE-LINERS! I AM NOT YOUR ENEMY!
I WAS ACTUALLY WAITING FOR YOU!
EH?
YOU'VE BEEN BUSY IN THE MEANTIME, "FLYING MARAUDER"!
IT'S NOT EVERY DAY AN IMPERIAL TREASURE IS STOLEN!
IT WAS MERELY A BIT OF REVELRY FOR THE SAKE OF KILLING TIME!
I WANTED TO BE SURE THAT YOU'D FIND ME... SO I COULD PROPOSE AN ALLIANCE!


IT WOULD IN FACT NOT BE THE FIRST TIME!
SO WHAT? WHY SHOULD WE BELIEVE HIM?
BECAUSE I'M ALSO NOT FOND OF WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE FUTURE!
IT'S NOT YOUR WORK?
NO, BUT I DO KNOW THE CAUSE!
I WOULD GLADLY TELL YOU, IF I HAD THE TIME!
DON'T MOVE! YOU ARE PRISONERS OF HER IMPERIAL MAJESTY!
RIGHT AT THE CLIMAX! SUCH A CLASSIC!

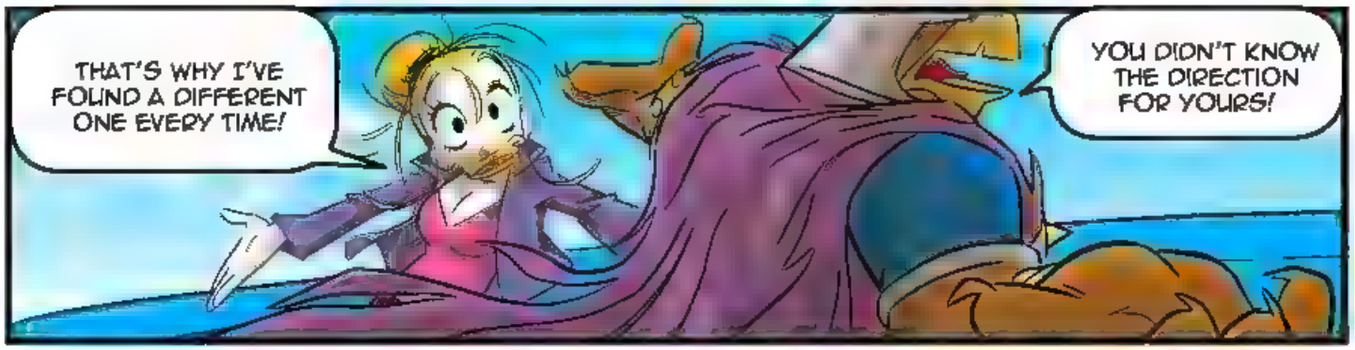
PUT THE EXPLANATION ON HOLD! TAKING CARE OF THEM WON'T TAKE LONG!
IT'LL BE FASTER TO ABSCOND!
WE'LL FOLLOW YOU! GIVE ME THE CHRONO-COORDINATES!
NO NEED TO, TIME COP! WATCH AND LEARN!
CLIC
YOU MUST VARY THE SPATIOTEMPORAL INCIDENCE AXIS!
WAIT! WHAT...
WHY ARE YOU SHOCKED? HE ALWAYS LEAVES LIKE THAT!
NO, AVENGER! NOT LIKE THAT, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!
THEN EXPLAIN IT TO ME! WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THIS AXIS?
THE FLYING MARAUDER HAS VANISHED, COMMANDER!

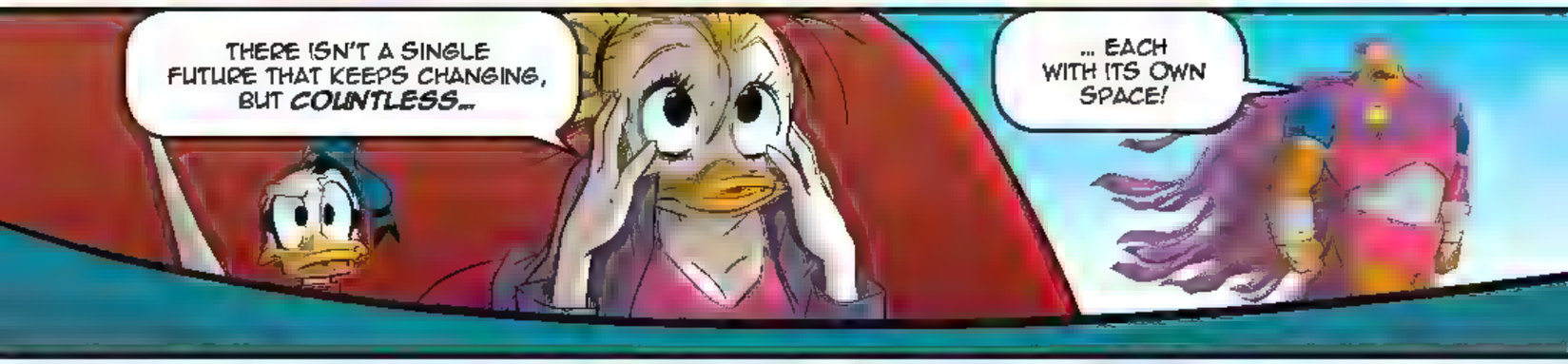

IF YOU HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE, IS IT ENOUGH TO KNOW HOW FAR AWAY IT IS?
NO, I ALSO NEED DIRECTION!
WE STILL HAVE THE OTHER TWO! ENGAGE!
YES SIR!
IT'S THE SAME THING! THE RAIDER HAS FOUND A WAY TO CHANGE DIRECTION DURING TIME TRAVEL!
LIKE FOR-WARDS AND BACKWARDS?
NO, LIKE EVERY OTHER DIRECTION! EXCEPT THAT TIME ONLY FOLLOWS ONE!
EEEH?
SIGH! MISSION FAILED!

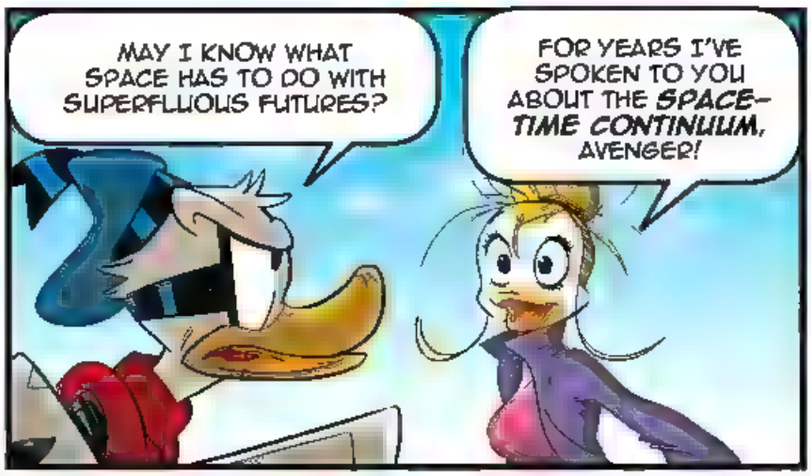
WELCOME!
THANKS A LOT! WHERE ARE WE?
YOU ASTOUND ME! DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR BELOVED DUCKBURG?
DEPENDS! WHICH VERSION IS THIS?
THE ONE THAT'S CORRECT! IT'S INCREDIBLE! I DON'T SENSE ANY ANOMALIES!
McDUCK MUSEUM
YET ACCORDING TO MY INTERNAL CHRONAVIGATOR IT'S STILL THE SAME FUTURE WE WERE IN EARLIER!
HAS HISTORY RETURNED TO ITS PLACE?
IT CAN'T DO IT BY ITSELF! WE'VE MOVED FROM ONE TOMORROW TO ANOTHER!

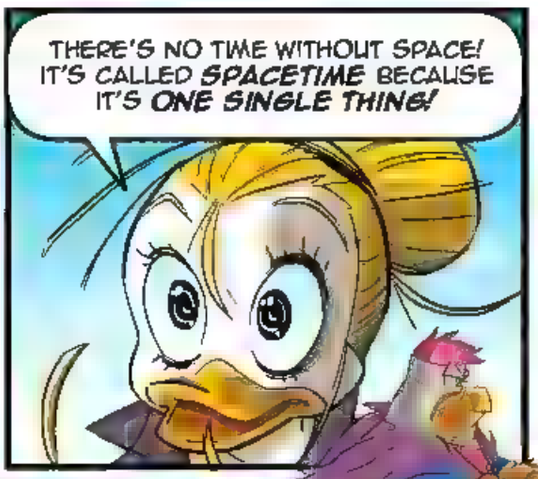
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! TWO FUTURES CAN'T EXIST SIMULTANEOUSLY!
THERE'S NO PLACE FOR BOTH IN THE SPACETIME CONTINUUM!
IF YOU SAY SO... THEN WE ARE NEITHER HERE NOR NOW!
YOU CAN DROP THE SARCASM, RAIDER!
IF YOU WANT OUR HELP, YOU'LL HAVE TO AT LEAST GIVE US A LECTURE!
YOU DIDN'T FIGURE IT OUT YOURSELVES? THINK OF THE FLOW OF TIME AS THAT OF A RIVER!
XV XVI XVII XVIII XIX XX XXI XXII XXIII
"IT FLOWS FROM THE PAST TO THE FUTURE, ALONG THE COURSE OF HISTORY!"

"OR IT CAN BE DIVERTED TOWARDS AN ALTERNATIVE TOMORROW..."
"... WHICH IS WHAT THE TIME POLICE TRIES TO PREVENT!"
EVEN SO THERE IS ALWAYS A SINGLE FUTURE!
ONLY AS LONG AS TIME REMAINS IN ITS BANKS!
INSTEAD SOMETHING HAS STARTED TO PRODUCE AN ENORMOUS QUANTITY OF ADDITIONAL SPACETIME!
"SO TIME HAS OVERFLOWED, GIVING REALITY TO ALL POSSIBLE FUTURES!"


THAT'S WHY I'VE FOUND A DIFFERENT ONE EVERY TIME!
YOU DIDN'T KNOW THE DIRECTION FOR YOURS!


THERE ISN'T A SINGLE FUTURE THAT KEEPS CHANGING, BUT *COUNTLESS*...
... EACH WITH ITS OWN SPACE!


MAY I KNOW WHAT SPACE HAS TO DO WITH SUPERFLUOUS FUTURES?
FOR YEARS I'VE SPOKEN TO YOU ABOUT THE *SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM*, AVENGER!


THERE'S NO TIME WITHOUT SPACE! IT'S CALLED *SPACETIME* BECAUSE IT'S *ONE SINGLE THING!*

CRYSTAL! LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU'RE DONE!
THE TIME POLICE HAVE NEVER HAD TO DEAL WITH A *CHRONOFLOOD!*
ME NEITHER! THAT'S WHY I NEED *YOU!*

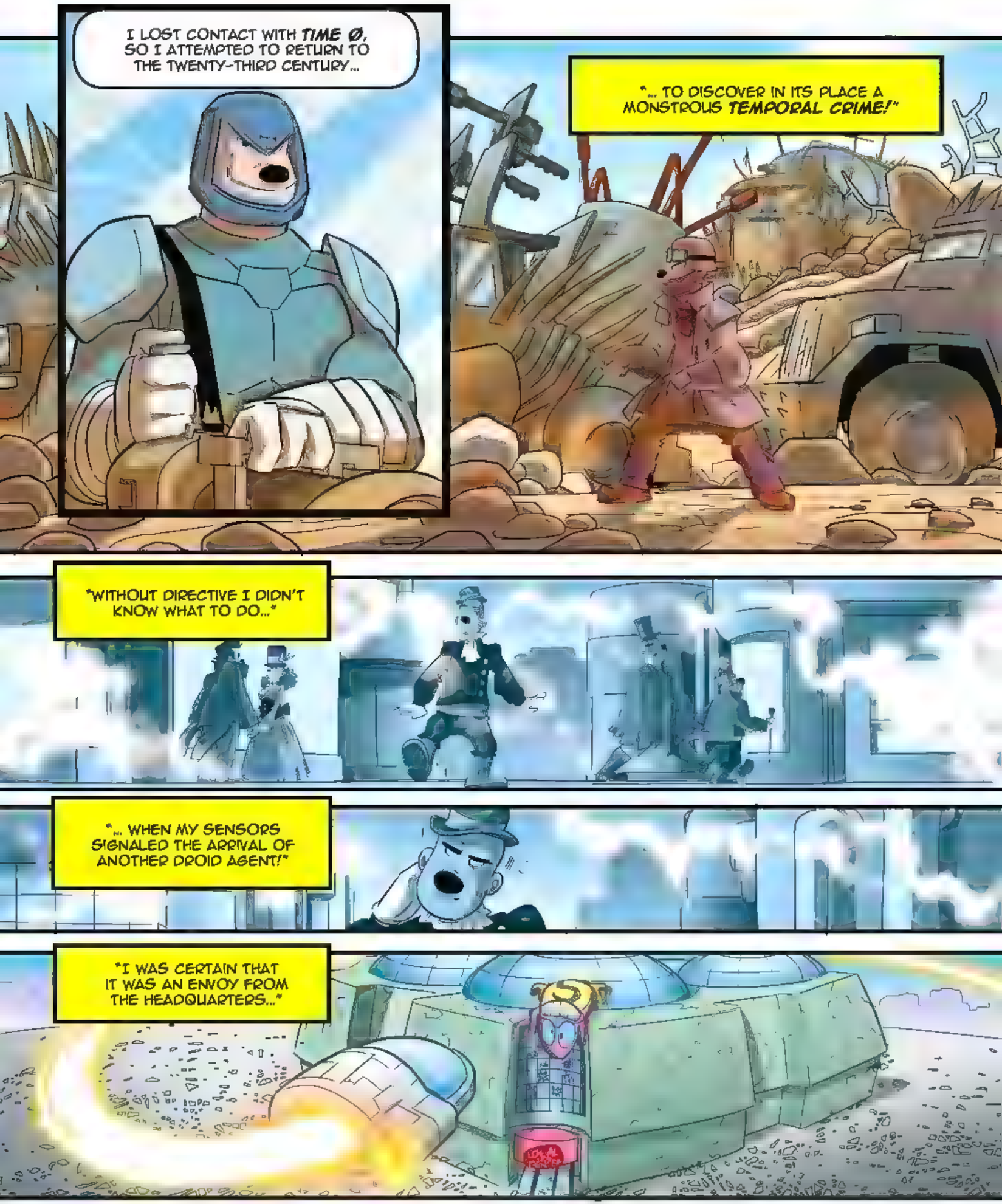
YOU EXPECT US TO BUY THAT? YOU FROLIC IN THE TANGLES OF TIME!
NOT IF IT'S BEEN TANGLED BY SOMEONE ELSE!
THE SPATIOTEMPORAL BOUNDARIES HAVE BECOME SO EXPANDED THAT I CAN NO LONGER ORIENTATE MYSELF!
"THE ROUTES THROUGH THE CENTURIES HAVE BECOME A LABYRINTH OF NASTY SURPRISES!"
I EVEN FEAR THAT I'LL BE UNABLE TO GO BACK!
POOR RAIDER! IS IT THE END OF THE TIME OF RAIDS?
YOU'RE AMUSED? YOU'LL STOP SMILING WHEN WE GET TO THE REAL TROUBLE!
GLOM! IN WHAT SENSE?

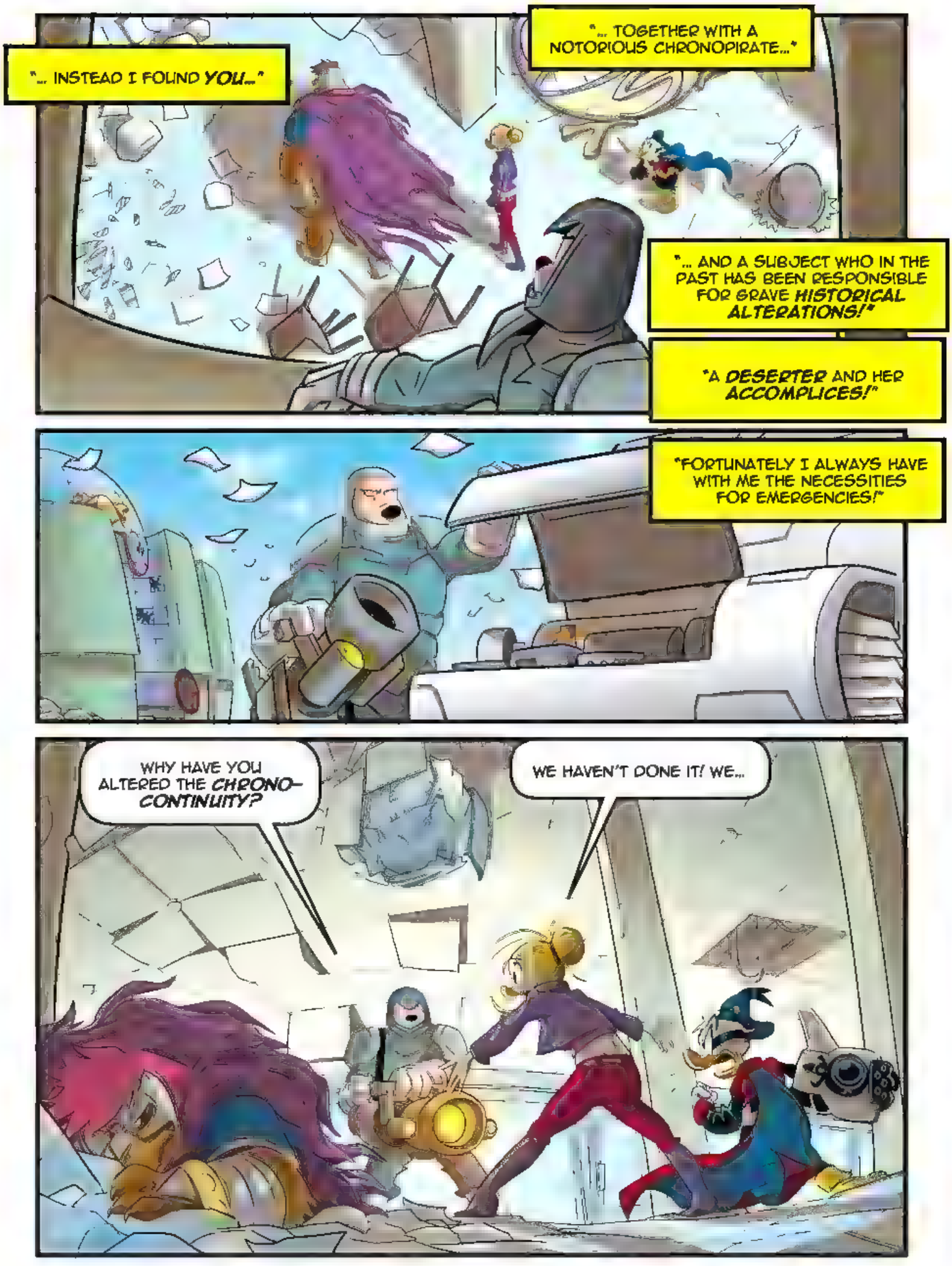
IN THE SENSE THAT THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING! BEHIND THIS CHAOS THERE ARE TERRIFYING FORCES!
THAT'S THE PART THAT INTERESTS ME!
GIVE ME A BETTER EXPLANATION! ONE WITHOUT BUZZWORDS!
WHAT DO WE HAVE TO FACE?
YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME, SO I'LL BRING YOU INTO THE EYE OF THE STORM!
AS THE TIME COP SAID, THIS IS A MATTER TOO COMPLICATED FOR A BARBARIAN LIKE ME...
"... BUT MAYBE YOU WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO!"
A SHOPPING CENTER?
WHAT REMAINS OF IT! TODAY PURCHASES ARE ONLY DONE ON MARKETNET!
IN MY DAY THEY SAID "IF IT'S NOT AT DUCKMALL, IT DOESN'T EXIST"!

THOUGH IT WAS MORE CROWDED BACK THEN!
I DON'T DETECT ANY PRESENCE APART FROM US THREE!
WHERE ARE THE BAD GUYS? I EXPECTED TO FIND AN ARMY!
I'D HAVE DONE IT MYSELF IF IT WERE THAT SIMPLE!
INSTEAD THE CAUSE OF EVERYTHING IS *THAT!*
SOME CHANDELIER THING? WHAT ABOUT THAT IS DANGEROUS?
IT'S INACTIVE ACCORDING TO MY SENSORS!
DON'T BE FOOLED! MOVE CLOSER AND YOU'LL SEE!
EXACTLY! *LET'S NOT BE FOOLED!*

IF WE HADN'T ALREADY BEEN ON THE SAME SIDE, I'D SMELL THE STINK OF A HOAX!
CONVINCE ME THAT I'M WRONG, BIG GUY!
THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR DOUBTS, AVENGER!
IT WOULDN'T BE EASY FOR ME TO DEFEAT THE BOTH OF YOU TOGETHER, YET I CAME LOOKING FOR YOU!
WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO... ALIGH!
WHOOSH
SILENCE, TRANSGRESSOR!
NOBODY BESIDES US, EH?
I STILL CAN'T DETECT HIM! HE MUST BE SHIELDED!
CAREFUL WHAT YOU DO!

THE TIME POLICE!
I DON'T INTEND TO TAKE RISKS, SEEING AS IT'S THREE AGAINST ONE!
YOU'VE LOCATED US! FROM WHAT CENTURY...
NOT ANOTHER STEP, TRAITOR!
ME? WHAT DO YOU ACCUSE ME OF?
ARE YOU SURE HE'S YOUR COLLEAGUE, LYLA?
I AM THE SURVEILLANCE AGENT IN THE DUCKBURG OF THIS TIME PERIOD, DUCK AVENGER!
WHILE YOU ARE UNAUTHORIZED CHRONONAUTS, IF NOT WORSE!
WHAT?
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT! YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE!
I DOUBT IT!


I LOST CONTACT WITH TIME Ø, SO I ATTEMPTED TO RETURN TO THE TWENTY-THIRD CENTURY...
"... TO DISCOVER IN ITS PLACE A MONSTROUS TEMPORAL CRIME!"
"WITHOUT DIRECTIVE I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO..."
"... WHEN MY SENSORS SIGNALED THE ARRIVAL OF ANOTHER DROID AGENT!"
"I WAS CERTAIN THAT IT WAS AN ENVOY FROM THE HEADQUARTERS..."


"... INSTEAD I FOUND YOU..."
"... TOGETHER WITH A NOTORIOUS CHRONOPIRATE..."
"... AND A SUBJECT WHO IN THE PAST HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR GRAVE HISTORICAL ALTERATIONS!"
"A DESERTER AND HER ACCOMPLICES!"
"FORTUNATELY I ALWAYS HAVE WITH ME THE NECESSITIES FOR EMERGENCIES!"
WHY HAVE YOU ALTERED THE CHRONO-CONTINUITY?
WE HAVEN'T DONE IT! WE...

CLIK
WWWWWWWWWMMMMM
A... WHAT?
NOOO! THAT DEVICE... IT'S AN ABLATRON!
IT'S A CONTRAPTION CAPABLE OF CAPTURING ANY DROID OF THE TIME POLICE, SUSPENDING ALL ITS FUNCTIONS!

IT DOESN'T BELONG IN THIS PRESENT! HOW CAN IT BE HERE?
I BROUGHT IT HERE, TO GET YOU OUT OF THE WAY!
AFTERWARDS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER TO TAKE CARE OF THE AVENGER!
I TOLD YOU I SMELLED A TRAP!
WHY DID YOU WANT TO ELIMINATE US?
YOU SAID THAT THE MULTITIME WAS ALSO HARMFUL TO YOU!
HA HA! YOU TWO HAVE SEEN TOO MANY PV MOVIES! *
* PERSONAL VIRTUALITY
THIS IS THE SCENE WHERE THE VILLAIN LOSES HIMSELF IN CHITCHAT AND DOESN'T NOTICE THE HEROES...
... RECOVERING THEIR WEAPONS!
PRECISELY!

NICE MOVE, BUT YOU'RE OUT OF TIME! I HAVE DECEIVED YOU...
STOP!
IMMOBILIZE HIM, AVENGER! WE CAN'T ALLOW HIM TO LEAVE!
... TRAVELLING IN MULTITIME IS VERY SIMPLE, IF YOU HAVE THE MAP!
SHOOSH
I'M SORRY! I WASN'T FAST ENOUGH!
IT DOESN'T MATTER! HE'S GIVEN US A TON OF INFORMATION REGARDLESS!
NOW WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FUTURE!
IF THE RAIDER DIDN'T LIE ABOUT THAT TOO!
I DON'T THINK SO! HIS EXPLANATION IS THE ONLY ONE THAT MAKES SENSE! BUT THERE'S SOMETHING BETTER!

I WAS AFRAID THAT TIME Ø HAD BEEN ERASED FROM HISTORY, BUT *IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!*
WHEN DID HE SAY THAT? I MUST HAVE MISSED IT!
HE DIDN'T SAY IT, HE DID MORE! HE BROUGHT US PROOF!
THE ABLATRON IS ONE OF OUR MOST *SECRET* AND *DANGEROUS* DEVICES! IT'S NEVER LEFT *TIME Ø!*
SO THE RAIDER COULD ONLY HAVE GOTTEN IT FROM THERE!
WHICH MEANS HE ACTED ON BEHALF OF THE TIME POLICE!
MY SUPERIORS DON'T COMPROMISE WITH CHRONO-PIRATES!
BUT IT EVINCES THAT THE SOLUTION TO EVERYTHING IS AT TIME O! WE HAVE TO GET THERE AT ANY COST!
HOW? YOU'VE ALREADY TRIED!

I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO ORIENTATE THE INCIDENT AXIS!
BUT YOU STILL DON'T KNOW THE DIRECTION!
THE NON-PLACE WHERE THE ATEMPORAL FULCRUM IS LOCATED DOESN'T OFFER MANY ALTERNATIVES! JUST A COUPLE!
WE HAVE A FIFTY-FIFTY SHOT OF FINDING THE BASE!
WHAT ABOUT MR. SHERIFF? DO WE LEAVE HIM LIKE THAT?
HE'S SECURE! THE ABLATRON ISOLATES HIM FROM ANY EXTERNAL INFLUENCE!
HE'S STILL A TIME POLICEMAN! HE COULD HELP US!
LET'S FREE HIM AND ENLIST HIM!
HE WOULD BE A HINDRANCE! HE'S A FANATIC, CONVINCED THAT WE'RE CULPRITS!

WHEN WE HAVE GOTTEN TIME BACK ON ITS COURSE, ALL OF THIS WILL HAVE NEVER HAPPENED!
IF WE MANAGE SO!
OTHERWISE HE WOULD BE THE ONLY DEFENSE OF THE DUCKBURG OF THIS ERA!
YOU'VE CONVINCED ME!
UH...
WAOOM
SKRAANG
AND IF WE DON'T EVEN MANAGE TO REACH TIME Ø?
RELAX, AVENGER! IN THAT CASE...
H-HALT! IN THE NAME OF THE INTERTEMPORAL LAW ON THE CHRONOCONTINUITY I DECLARE YOU...
... UNDER ARREST!
... WE'LL NO LONGER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING!

WHAT AWAITS LYLA AND THE AVENGER AT *TIME Ø?* ASSUMING THAT THE EXTRATEMPORAL BASE OF THE TIME POLICE STILL EXISTS! WE WILL ONLY FIND OUT IN THE NEXT PART!

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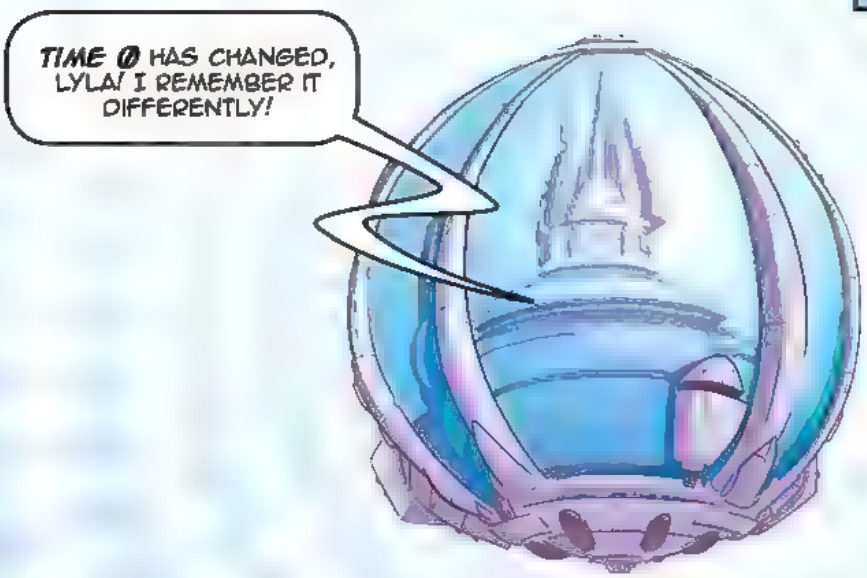

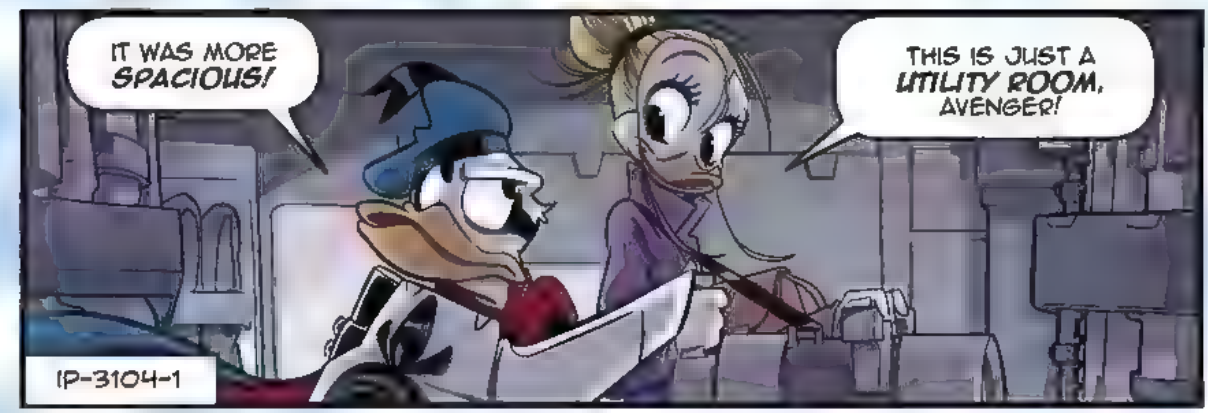

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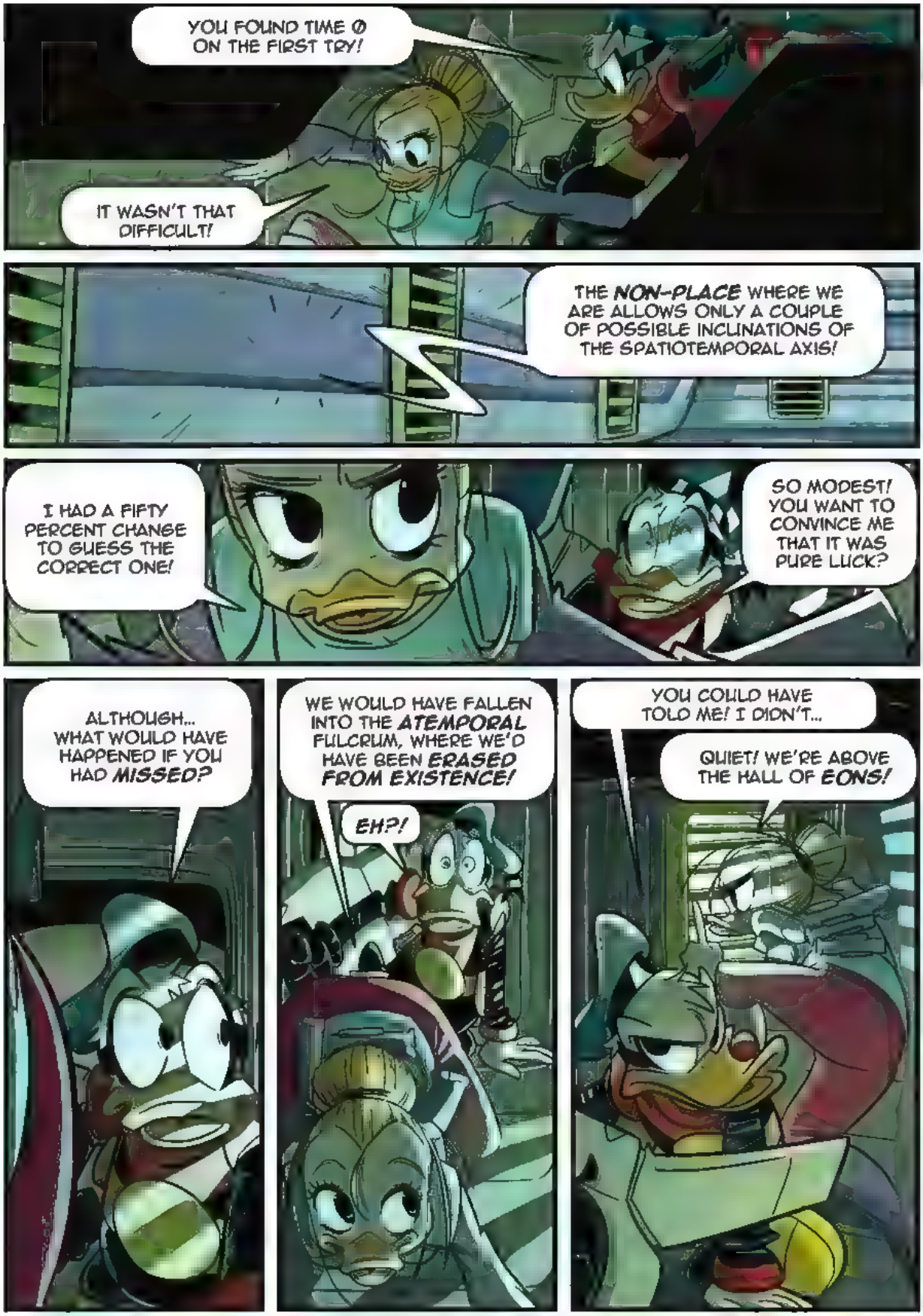
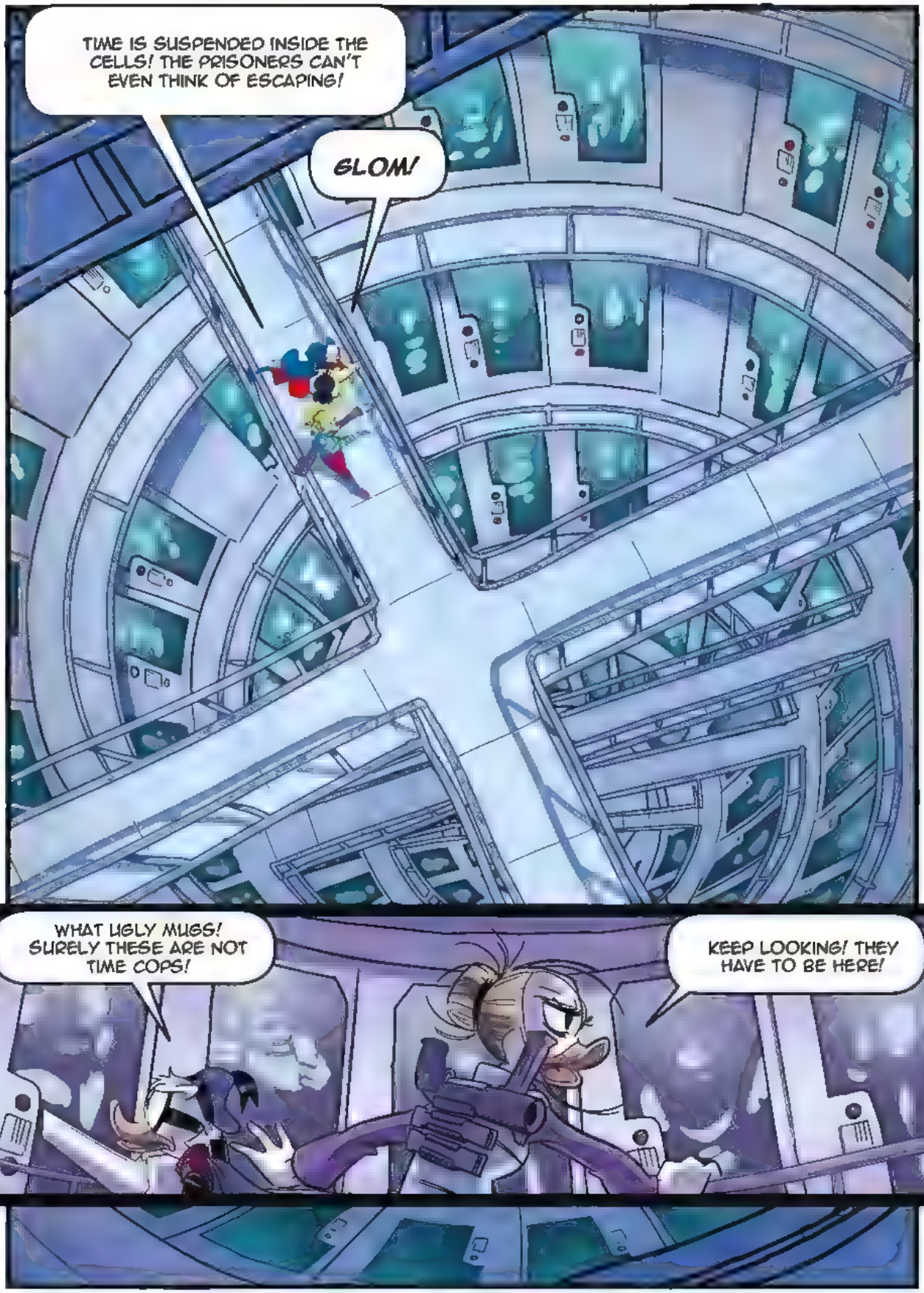
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT AWAITS US, SO I PREFERRED MATERIALIZING US HERE!
WHICH MEANS YOU'RE EXPECTING TROUBLE!
AREN'T YOU? IT'S CLEAR THAT SOMETHING'S WRONG!
BESIDES, I NEEDED A MORE MANAGEABLE WEAPON!
THAT NEUTRON-MINCER MUST BE HEAVY!
WOP
MWIII
NOT MUCH, BUT IT'S TOO BULKY FOR THE MAINTENANCE SHAFTS!
FROM HERE WE'LL DISCOVER WHAT HAPPENED WITHOUT BEING SEEN!
GOOD IDEA... AND CONGRATS!

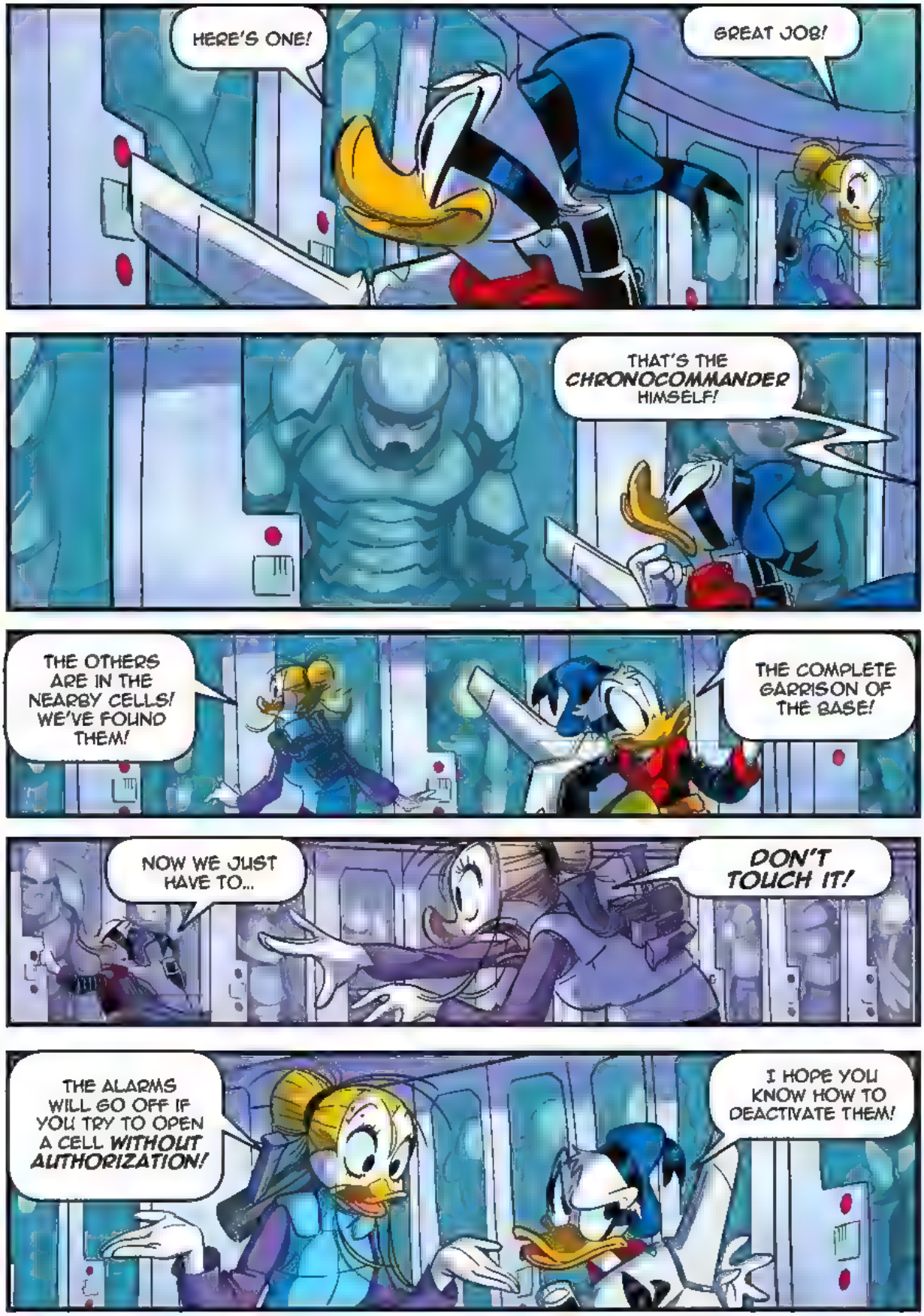

YOU FOUND TIME Ø ON THE FIRST TRY!
IT WASN'T THAT DIFFICULT!
THE NON-PLACE WHERE WE ARE ALLOWS ONLY A COUPLE OF POSSIBLE INCLINATIONS OF THE SPATIOTEMPORAL AXIS!
I HAD A FIFTY PERCENT CHANCE TO GUESS THE CORRECT ONE!
SO MODEST! YOU WANT TO CONVINCE ME THAT IT WAS PURE LUCK?
ALTHOUGH... WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU HAD MISSED?
WE WOULD HAVE FALLEN INTO THE ATEMPORAL FULCRUM, WHERE WE'D HAVE BEEN ERASED FROM EXISTENCE!
EH?!
YOU COULD HAVE TOLD ME! I DIDN'T...
QUIET! WE'RE ABOVE THE HALL OF EONS!

IT'S THE HEART OF THE HEADQUARTERS! FROM HERE THE TIME POLICE MONITOR THE ENTIRE SPAN OF HISTORY!
... BUT THOSE AT THE CONTROL PANELS ARE *NOT* TIME POLICEMEN!
THE ORGANIZATION!
IT'S AN OPERATION IN GREAT STYLE! THERE ARE THEIR *LEADERS!*
I SEE THEM!
THOUGH THERE SHOULD BE *THREE* OF THEM!
WHERE'S *HANAB?*

HE'S INSTRUCTING THE FREED INMATES!
OF COURSE WE ARE! WE'VE NEVER HAD A TERRITORY THIS VAST TO PLUNDER!
ARE WE SHORTHANDED AGAIN?
THE MULTITIME IS BOUNDLESS!
WE NEED MORE AND MORE MEN TO KEEP IT UNDER CONTROL!
I WONDER IF WE HAVE ENOUGH!
DON'T WORRY! THE CHRONOSTATIC PRISON WAS ALMOST FULL!
THIS GIVES US AN EXCUSE TO EMPTY OUT A FEW CELLS!
AND PROMPTLY FILL THEM! NOT A DAY PASSES...

... WITHOUT OUR MEN CAPTURING SOME TIME POLICEMEN IN DISARRAY!
YOUR COLLEAGUES ARE IMPRISONED!
THAT'S GREAT NEWS!
NOW WE KNOW WHERE TO FIND HELP TO RETAKE TIME 0!
YOU WANT TO FREE THEM?
THERE HAS TO BE AN ARMY WATCHING OVER THEM!
I DON'T THINK SO!
MMM
IF THE ORGANIZATION DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH HENCHMEN, THEY WON'T ASTE THEN ON A TASK THAT POINTLESS!

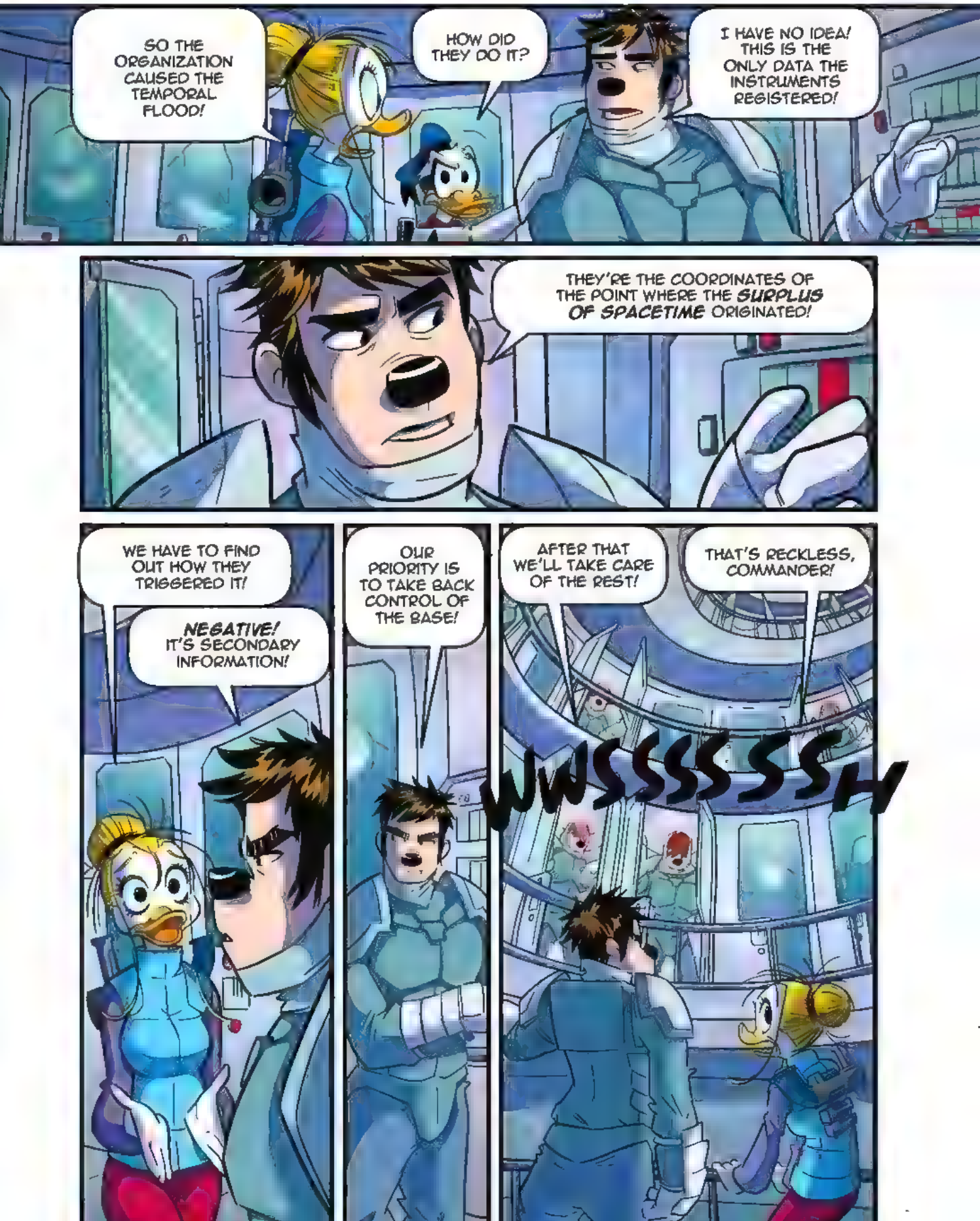

TIME IS SUSPENDED INSIDE THE CELLS! THE PRISONERS CAN'T EVEN THINK OF ESCAPING!
GLOM!
WHAT UGLY MUGS! SURELY THESE ARE NOT TIME COPS!
KEEP LOOKING! THEY HAVE TO BE HERE!


HERE'S ONE!
GREAT JOB!
THAT'S THE CHRONOCOMMANDER HIMSELF!
THE OTHERS ARE IN THE NEARBY CELLS! WE'VE FOUND THEM!
THE COMPLETE GARRISON OF THE BASE!
NOW WE JUST HAVE TO...
DON'T TOUCH IT!
THE ALARMS WILL GO OFF IF YOU TRY TO OPEN A CELL WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION!
I HOPE YOU KNOW HOW TO DEACTIVATE THEM!

THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY! I HAVE AUTHORIZATION!
DROID-AGENT-IN-ACTIVE-SERVICE
UHN! W-WHAT...
WWSH
LYLA!
YOU'RE FREE, SIR!
THAT WAS THE GOOD NEWS!
THE BAD NEWS IS THAT TIME Ø IS STILL IN THE HANDS OF THE ORGANIZATION!
NOT FOR LONG!
MOVE IT! OPEN THE CELLS!
FIRST TELL US WHAT HAPPENED!
YOU WANT ME TO ADMIT THAT WE WERE TAKEN BY SURPRISE?

"NOBODY COULD HAVE IMAGINED WHAT WAS ABOUT TO OCCUR!"
EMERGENCY! I DETECT A VIOLENT PERTURBATION IN THE CONTINUUM!
IN WHAT CENTURY?
IT'S COMING FROM THE 21ST...
... AND IT'S ALSO EXPANDING HERE!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! WE'RE OUTSIDE SPACETIME!
THE TEMPORAL WAVE IS OVERWHELMING US! THE ENGAGEMENT FULCRUM WILL NOT HOLD!
RRRRROOOOUNNK
IT MUST NOT GIVE! INCREASE THE ENERGY CONNECTION TO MAXIMUM!
STABILIZERS AT ONE HUNDRED AND NINE PERCENT! HOPEFULLY THEY WON'T MELT!

IT'S WORKING! THE HYPERNODE HAS RESISTED!
WE'VE RECEIVED SOME DAMAGE, BUT THE WORST SEEMS TO HAVE PASSED!
SIR... I HAVE AN UNINTELLIGIBLE SIGNAL!
ANOTHER PERTURBATION?
NO, BUT IT APPEARS THAT THE TEMPORAL WAVE BROUGHT SOMETHING!
I'D SAY THEY ARE VEHICLES!
PRECISELY!
THEY ARE OUR PARATEMPORAL SHUTTLES!
GET MOVING! CHRONO-STASIS AWAITS YOU!
"I KNOW NOTHING OF WHAT HAPPENED AFTERWARDS!"


SO THE ORGANIZATION CAUSED THE TEMPORAL FLOOD!
HOW DID THEY DO IT?
I HAVE NO IDEA! THIS IS THE ONLY DATA THE INSTRUMENTS REGISTERED!
THEY'RE THE COORDINATES OF THE POINT WHERE THE SURPLUS OF SPACETIME ORIGINATED!
WE HAVE TO FIND OUT HOW THEY TRIGGERED IT!
NEGATIVE! IT'S SECONDARY INFORMATION!
OUR PRIORITY IS TO TAKE BACK CONTROL OF THE BASE!
AFTER THAT WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST!
THAT'S RECKLESS, COMMANDER!
WWSSSSSSH

I DON'T THINK...
EXACTLY, AGENT! DROID OPERATIVES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO THINK!
YOU'VE DONE YOUR PART BY FREEING US! LEAVE THE STRATEGIC DECISIONS TO ME!
YES SIR!
AT YOUR COMMAND, SIR! WE'RE READY!
HOW DID YOU GET ALL THE WAY HERE UNNOTICED?
THROUGH THE MAINTENANCE SHAFTS!
EXCELLENT! WE'LL USE THEM TO REACH THE ARMORY!

WAIT, AVENGER!
HUH?
WE'RE NOT GOING ALONG?
ATTACKING UNPREPARED IS TOO RISKY!
VRRRRR
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ORGANIZATION COULD USE AGAINST US!
SO WHAT'S *PLAN B?*
WE'LL GO TO THE ORIGIN OF THE PROBLEM! NOW WE KNOW *WHEN* AND *WHERE* IT BEGAN!
BUT NOT *WHAT IT IS!* HOW DO WE NEUTRALIZE IT?
WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S VERY POWERFUL AND GENERATES TIME AND SPACE!

AT TIME Ø THERE IS A DEVICE FOR THE TOTAL CONTROL OF SPACETIME!
GREAT! FOR ONCE WE WON'T HAVE TO STRUGGLE TOO MUCH!
WHY DION'T YOU ASK THE CHRONO-COMMANDER FOR IT?
I DOUBT HE WOULD HAVE ALLOWED ME TO TAKE IT!
IN FACT, HE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE PLACED ME UNDER ARREST!
NOW I'M GETTING WORRIED...
YOU'RE RIGHT TO, AS MY PLAN DOES HAVE AN INCONVENIENCE!
THE MAINTENANCE SHAFTS DON'T LEAD TO WHERE THAT CONTRAPTION IS LOCATED...

... SO IN ORDER TO REACH IT WE HAVE TO COME OUT INTO THE OPEN!
AWESOME! IS THE GADGET ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BASE?
NO, IT'S PRETTY CLOSE BY! DON'T MAKE A SOUND!
OH?
WITH A BIT OF LUCK WE'LL MANAGE TO...
HUH?
GET THEM! DON'T... OUCH!
INTRUDERS ONBOARD!
LUCK'S OVER FOR TODAY!
WHERE'D THEY COME FROM?
SBAM

YOU GOT A PLAN C?
YES! RUN!
FTWOW
STOP!
ZZRAK
ZZRAK
ERRRCH
ZZRAK
ZZRAK
OVER THERE!
WHICH WAY?
ZWEEN
THOMM
ZWEEN
PANT! AND NOW?
THEY WON'T COME IN! THIS DOOR IS RESISTANT TO COSMIC CALAMITIES!

BUT WE WON'T GET FAR EITHER!
WE DON'T NEED TO! WE ARE WHERE I WANTED US TO BE!
I DON'T SEE ANY SPECIAL TOOL! WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
A TYPE OF AIRLOCK!
BEYOND THAT WALL THERE'S ABSOLUTE NOTHINGNESS...
GLOM!
BLIP
... AND THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GOING!
OH NO!
WSSSS

WE HAVE TO FLUSH THEM OUT!
MAKE WAY!
HANAB WILL TAKE CARE OF IT!
HEY, YOU INSIDE! DO YOU HEAR ME?
AGENT LAY! DUCK AVENGER!
EEEH?!
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE...
YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE?
THE SECURITY SCANNER IDENTIFIED YOU!

A TIME COP CONSIDERED BY HER SUPERIORS TO BE TOO INDEPENDENT AND SCARCELY RELIABLE...
... AND THE HERO OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY, WHOSE REPUTATION IS EVEN WORSE!
COME SAY IT TO MY FACE!
I WOULD, IF WE WEREN'T IN A STALEMATE! BUT WE CAN OVERCOME IT!
HOW? LET BYGONES BE BYGONES AND GO OUR SEPARATE WAYS?
I APPRECIATE YOUR WIT! WHY DO YOU PERSIST FIGHTING ON THE SIDE OF THOSE BY WHOM YOU ARE DESPISED?
IT'S TIME TO CHOOSE WHETHER TO SACRIFICE YOURSELVES OR CHANGE ALLEGIANCE!
TURN TRAITORS?

PROTECTING THE CONTINUUM IS PART OF MY DEEP PROGRAMMING!
AS WELL AS COMBATTING THOSE WHO HAVE RENDERED IT DEVASTATED!
IT WASN'T US, AGENT!
I-IT... IT WASN'T YOU?
WE ONLY DISCOVERED THE TEMPORAL FLOOD BEFORE THE TIME POLICE AND EXPLOITED IT!
YOU'VE OVERESTIMATED US! SUCH AN EVENT IS BEYOND OUR ABILITIES!
WE BELIEVE IT IS ALL NATURAL! IT HAD TO HAPPEN AND IT HAPPENED!

ACCEPT THIS REALITY AND JOIN US IN...
ENOUGH!
KRONCH
IF THEY'RE NOT BEHIND IT, THEN WHO IS IT?
CALM DOWN! WE JUST HAVE TO GO THROUGH WITH YOUR PLAN TO FIND OUT!
WHAT WERE YOU HOPING TO FIND IN THAT LOCKER?
THE SUBJECTIVE TIME SUITS!
IT'S THE ONLY MEANS FOR GETTING OUTSIDE AND TAKING THE DEVICE WE NEED!
BUT THEY'RE NOT HERE!
I KNOW! THE ORGANIZATION'S MEN MUST HAVE TAKEN THEM AWAY!
MAYBE THERE'S AN ALTERNATIVE! WE NEED A SUIT, HUH?

I DO HAPPEN TO HAVE ONE... AND IT CAN DO A LOT OF THINGS!
WHAT IS THAT?
I'VE TOLD YOU! IT'S THE WEAPON I DON'T WANT TO USE!
YET I'VE BEEN CARRYING IT WITH ME FOR MONTHS!
WHIIRR
AVENGER? WHERE ARE WE? I DETECT AN INCREDIBLE...
UFF! STARTING RIGHT AWAY WITH THE QUESTIONS? I GOT A BETTER ONE!
DO YOU KNOW HOW TO MAKE THIS COSTUME FUNCTION LIKE A SUBJECTIVE TIME SUIT?

WELL? WHAT ARE THOSE TWO UP TO?
NOTHING WHILE SHUT IN THERE!
YOU'RE OPTIMISTIC! THE TIME POLICE-WOMAN HAS HER OWN CHRONO-TRANSLATION DEVICE!
THEY COULD MOVE THROUGH TIME AND RETURN TO ATTACK!
THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO STOP US ANYWAY!
WHY WAIT FOR THEM TO TRY? WE SHOULD HAVE ELIMINATED THEM BEFORE THEY DISCOVERED US... AND WE CAN STILL DO SO!
BLIP
TIME Ø ISN'T SHORT ON ITS RESERVES OF DROIDS!

THE PARAMETER TRANSMISSION IS COMPLETE!
NOW YOU KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT SUBJECTIVE TIME FIELDS!
YOU GOT THAT? HOW'S IT COMING ALONG?
DON'T RUSH ME! IT'S NOT LIKE INVERTING THE POLARITY OF AN ELECTRON!
I HAVE TO OPERATE ON THE FUNDAMENTAL LEVEL OF REALITY!
BLAH BLAH BLAH! LOADS OF BIG WORDS AND NO RESULTS!
YOU'RE REAL GOOD AT CRITICIZING, BUT WHEN IT'S UP TO YOU...
IT'S A LITTLE UNSETTLING TO WATCH YOU ARGUE BY YOURSELF, AVENGER!
SORRY, I FORGOT THAT ONLY I RECEIVE THE NEURAL LINK!
WHILE I HEAR YOU BOTH, SO WILL YOU BE QUIET ALREADY?

YOUR CHATTER ONLY DISTRACTS A NOTHINGTH OF MY PROCESSING CAPACITY, BUT IT'S STILL TOO MUCH, NOW THAT I'M ALMOST...
KR RAD
... DONE!
SEE WHAT YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH WHEN YOU WORK HARD?
I'VE ALREADY EXPLAINED WHAT MUST BE DONE, AVENGER!
I WISH I COULD COME WITH YOU!
WAIT! YOU CAN'T OPEN IT LIKE THAT!
ALL THE ATMOSPHERE WILL COME OUT!
TO GO WHERE? WE'RE NOT IN SPACE!
SHOOO
ON THE OUTSIDE THERE IS NOTHING! NOT EVEN A VACUUM!

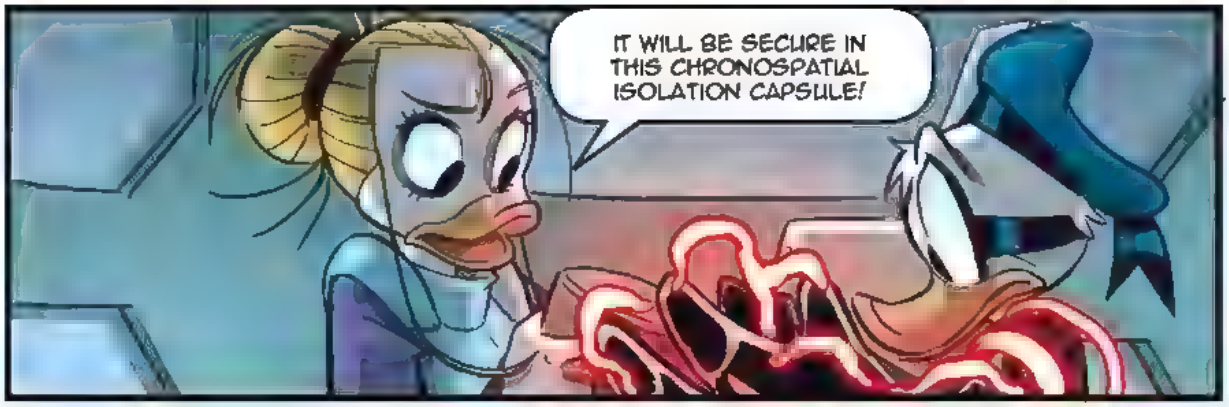
THE SQUAD IS READY!
WITH THIS APPEARANCE THEY'LL BE ABLE TO GET CLOSE TO THE AVENGER AND THE TIME COP WITHOUT SUSPICION!
INPUTTING COORDINATES! DUCKBURG, TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY!
THEY'LL GET RID OF THOSE TWO BEFORE THEY COME BOTHERING US!
AND IF THEY FAIL?
IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO PLAN A BACKUP SOLUTION!
I CONCUR! IF IT COMES TO THAT, A TARGETED INTERVENTION WILL BE NECESSARY!
I BELIEVE THAT OUR BEST AGENT IS AVAILABLE!

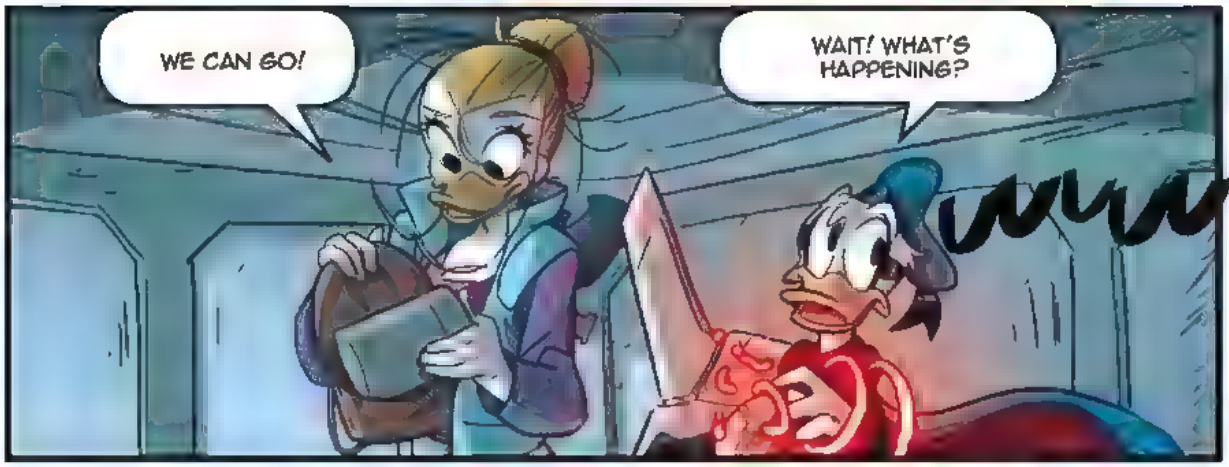
IT'S REALLY WORKING! I WAS AFRAID THAT TECHNOLOGY OF THE TWENTY-THIRD CENTURY WOULD BE TOO COMPLICATED FOR YOU!
I'M NOT THE ONE AMONG THE TWO OF US WHO'S FAMOUS FOR HIS LEVEL OF INCAPACITY!
NOW TURN OFF THE BABBLEPHONE AND HURRY UP!
DON'T PANIC! TIME DOESN'T EXIST OUT HERE!
TELL THAT TO YOUR NANO-ELECTRONIC SUIT'S ACCUMULATORS! THEY'RE ALMOST DRAINED!
THAT'S WHY I HAVEN'T BEEN USING IT!
I WAS AFRAID THAT IT WOULD BECOME EXHAUSTED AT THE WORST TIME!
I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE CAPABLE OF SUCH ORGANIZED THOUGHTS!
THANKS! NOW YOU'LL TELL ME THAT I CAN RECHARGE IT WITH MY SMARTPHONE'S BATTERY CHARGER!
IT'S UNFORTUNATELY NOT THAT SIMPLE!

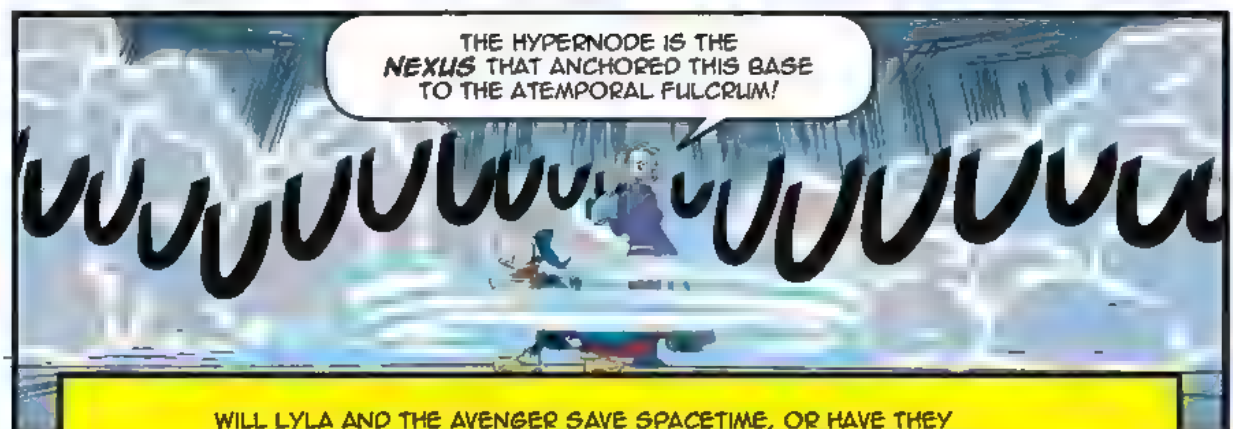
THE ACCUMULATORS ARE POWERED BY THE GEODYNAMIC CURRENTS CATALYZED BY DUCKLAIR TOWER!
PITY THAT DUCKLAIR TOWER NO LONGER EXISTS!
TRY TO AT LEAST SQUEEZE A LITTLE MORE OUT OF THEM! WE'RE HERE!
THAT'S THE THING THAT WILL SOLVE EVERYTHING ACCORDING TO LYLA!
RUDIMENTAL AND APPROXIMATIVE TERM! SHE DEFINED IT AS HYPERNODE!
CALL IT WHAT YOU LIKE, IT MAKES A CERTAIN IMPRESSION...
TAKE IT! YOUR FRIEND SAID THAT IT CAN'T HARM YOU!
IT'S GOOD ENOUGH THAT YOU'RE ABLE TO TOUCH IT!
I GOT IT!

THEN FLY! WE'VE BEGUN TO CONSUME THE RESERVE POWER!
THE ABLATRON WILL ALLOW YOU TO NEUTRALIZE THE TIME POLICEWOMAN! AS FOR THE AVENGER...
... HE WON'T HAVE THE TIME TO REALIZE WHAT HAPPENED! ANY OTHER INSTRUCTIONS?
NO! YOU KNOW EVERYTHING THAT WE ARE AWARE OF!
IS IT ENOUGH TO BRING YOUR TASK TO AN END?
I'LL MAKE IT SUFFICE!
WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!
EMERGENCY!

WE COULD START BY PUTTING YOU BACK INTO CHRONOSTASIS!
QUIT MAKING A RACKET AND EXPLAIN YOURSELVES!
THE TIME Ø AGENTS, SIR! ALL THE ONES WE HAD IMPRISONED!
THEY'VE ESCAPED!
I DID IT, LYLA! HERE IT IS!
BE CAREFUL! THE HYPERNODE IS VERY DELICATE!
IT EXISTS SIMULTANEOUSLY ON MULTIPLE PLANES OF REALITY, BUT IN NONE COMPLETELY!
IT WOULD TAKE TOO MUCH TIME TO BUILD ANOTHER IF IT WERE DAMAGED!
HOW DO WE MOVE IT?







WILL LYLA AND THE AVENGER SAVE SPACETIME, OR HAVE THEY CAUSED ITS ULTIMATE COLLAPSE, TOGETHER WITH THAT OF TIME Ø? ONE LAST PART REMAINS OF THE STORY...

END OF PART THREE

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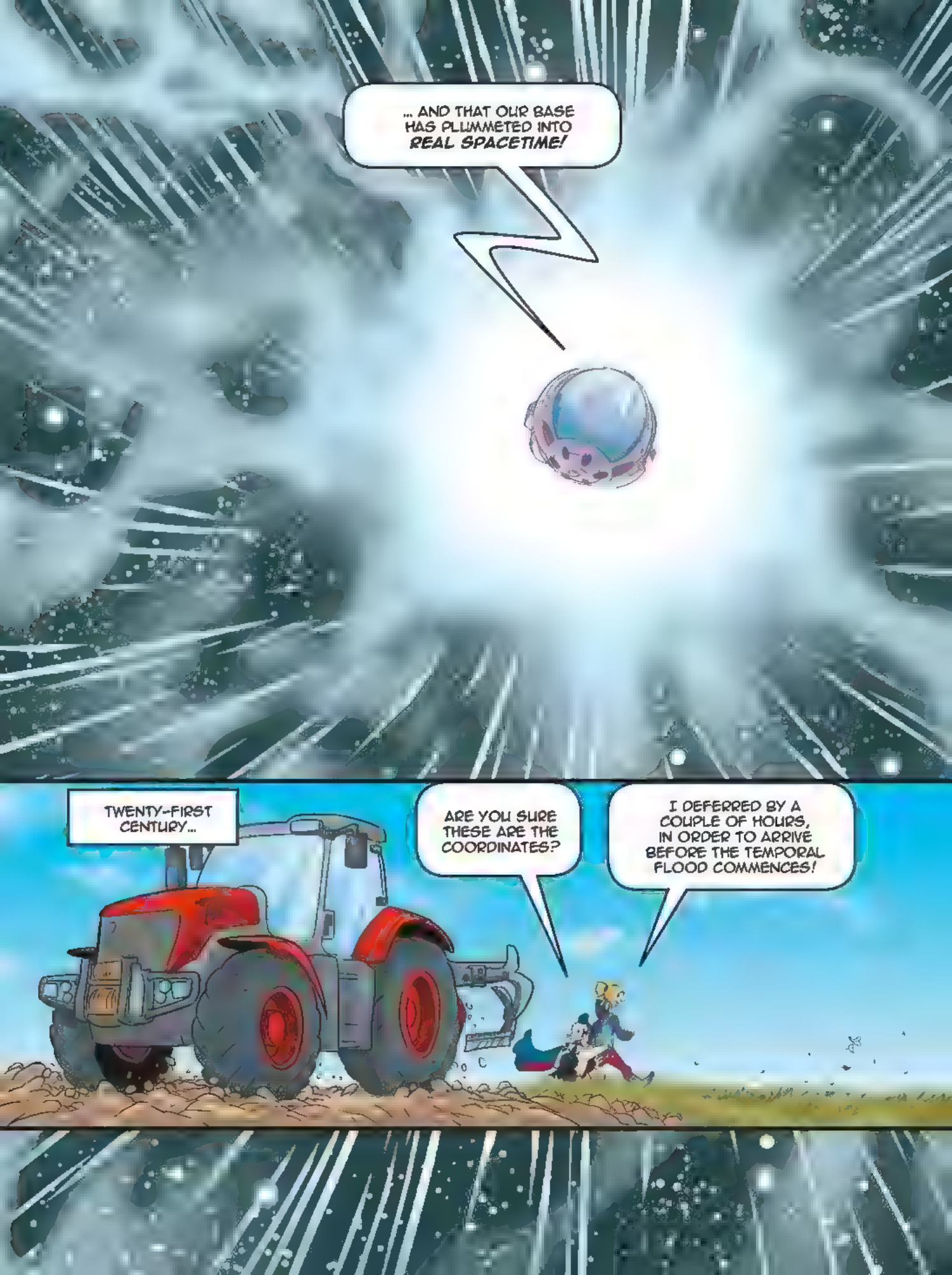
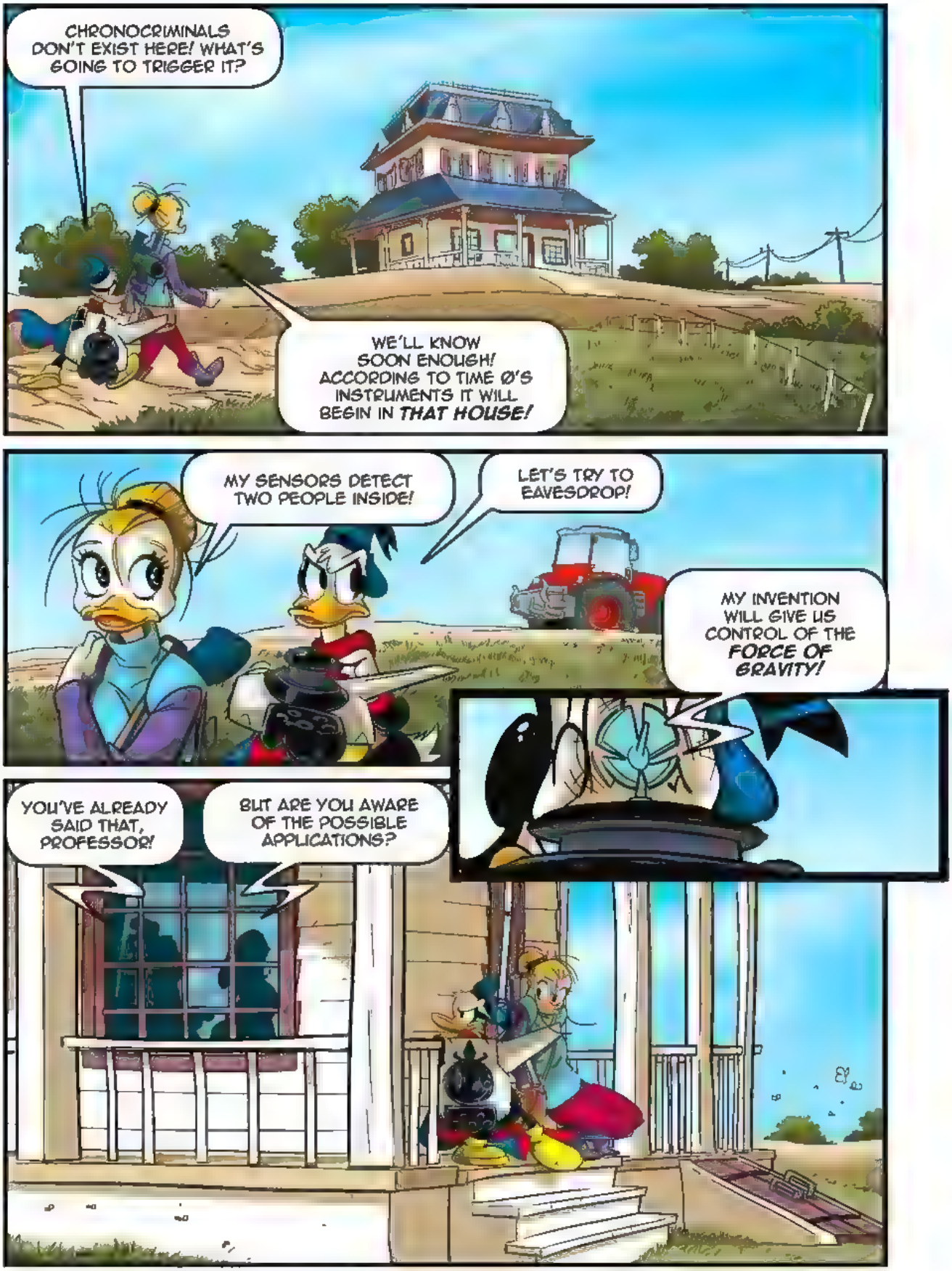
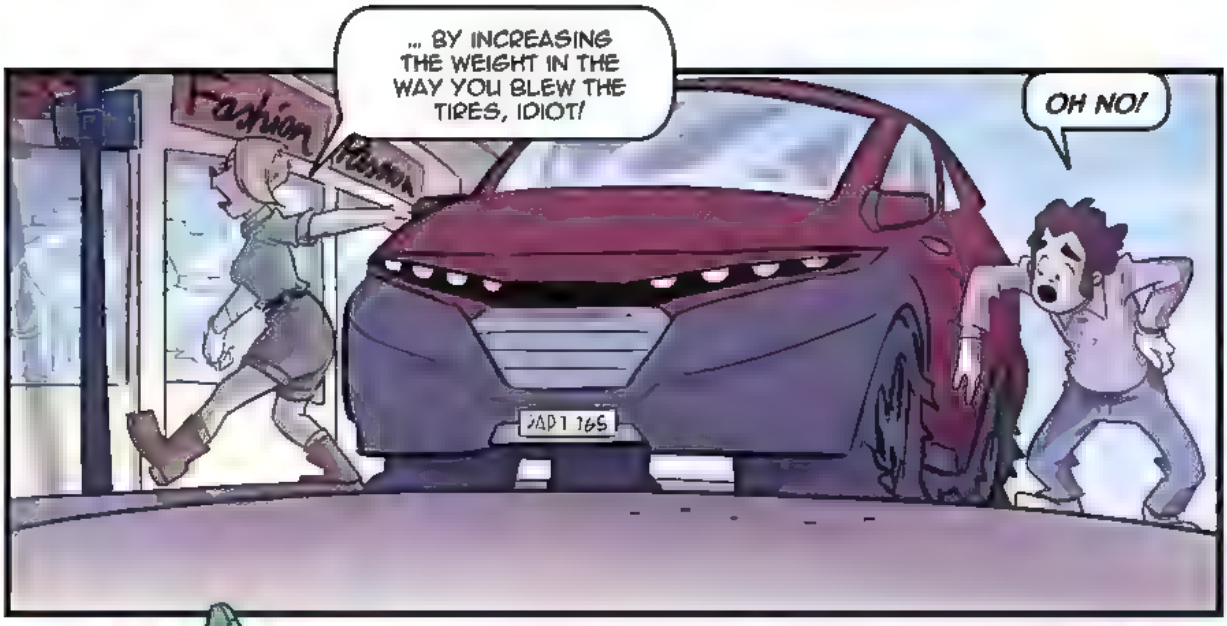
THIS HAS BEEN THE ORGANIZATION'S LAST ENDEAVOR!
TOO BAD! IT WILL ALSO BE THE END OF THE TIME POLICE!
KRRAP
FEEL VV
BEFORE YOU'RE ABLE TO TAKE US, WE'LL ANNIHILATE THE HALL OF EONS!
KROOOAAAAAA
WITHOUT YOUR EQUIPMENT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MONITOR THE COURSE OF TIME AND... AAARGH!
AAAH!
OUCH!

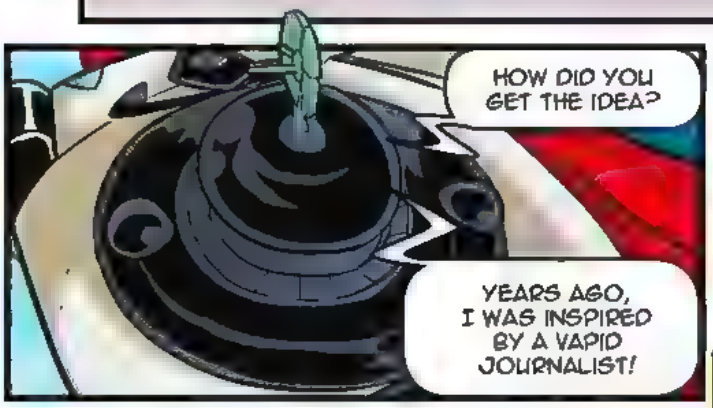
W-WHAT WAS THAT?
WHAT DOES IT MATTER? GET MOVING!
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST IN THE NAME OF THE LAW ON THE CHRONOCONTINUITY!
SECTORS E TO V ARE OUT OF SERVICE AND... GASP!
TO YOUR POSTS! I WANT A DAMAGE REPORT!
THE CONTAINMENT FIELD IS AT ITS TOLERANCE LIMIT!
L-LOOK, SIR!
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE! THE INSTRUMENTS MUST BE BROKEN!
OTHERWISE IT WOULD MEAN THAT WE'RE NO LONGER IN THE NON-SPACE OF CHRONOLIBRATION...

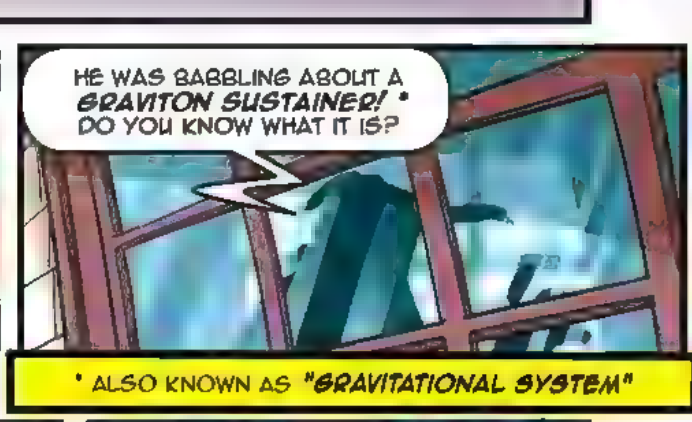

... AND THAT OUR BASE HAS PLUMMETED INTO *REAL SPACETIME!*
TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY...
ARE YOU SURE THESE ARE THE COORDINATES?
I DEFERRED BY A COUPLE OF HOURS, IN ORDER TO ARRIVE BEFORE THE TEMPORAL FLOOD COMMENCES!


CHRONOCRIMINALS DON'T EXIST HERE! WHAT'S GOING TO TRIGGER IT?
WE'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH! ACCORDING TO TIME Ø'S INSTRUMENTS IT WILL BEGIN IN THAT HOUSE!
MY SENSORS DETECT TWO PEOPLE INSIDE!
LET'S TRY TO EAVESDROP!
MY INVENTION WILL GIVE US CONTROL OF THE FORCE OF GRAVITY!
YOU'VE ALREADY SAID THAT, PROFESSOR!
BUT ARE YOU AWARE OF THE POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS?

"IT WILL REVOLUTIONIZE THE WORKING WORLD!"
WHERE DO THE CONTAINERS GO?
LET ME MOVE THE EXCAVATOR AND I'LL SHOW YOU!
ONLY THOSE SUFFERING FROM VERTIGO WILL STILL WAIT FOR THE ELEVATOR...
OPEN THE WINDOW! I'M ON MY WAY!
... AND WE COULD ALSO ACHIEVE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT, RENDERING AN OBJECT EXTREMELY HEAVY!*
DO YOU THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO PARK HERE?
TSK! I'D LIKE TO SEE HOW THEY'LL TAKE AWAY THE CAR AFTER I'VE ADDED A FEW TONS!
WITH A TOW TRUCK, I'D SAY...
BLAM


... BY INCREASING THE WEIGHT IN THE WAY YOU BLEW THE TIRES, IDIOT!
OH NO!
Fashion
JADT 765

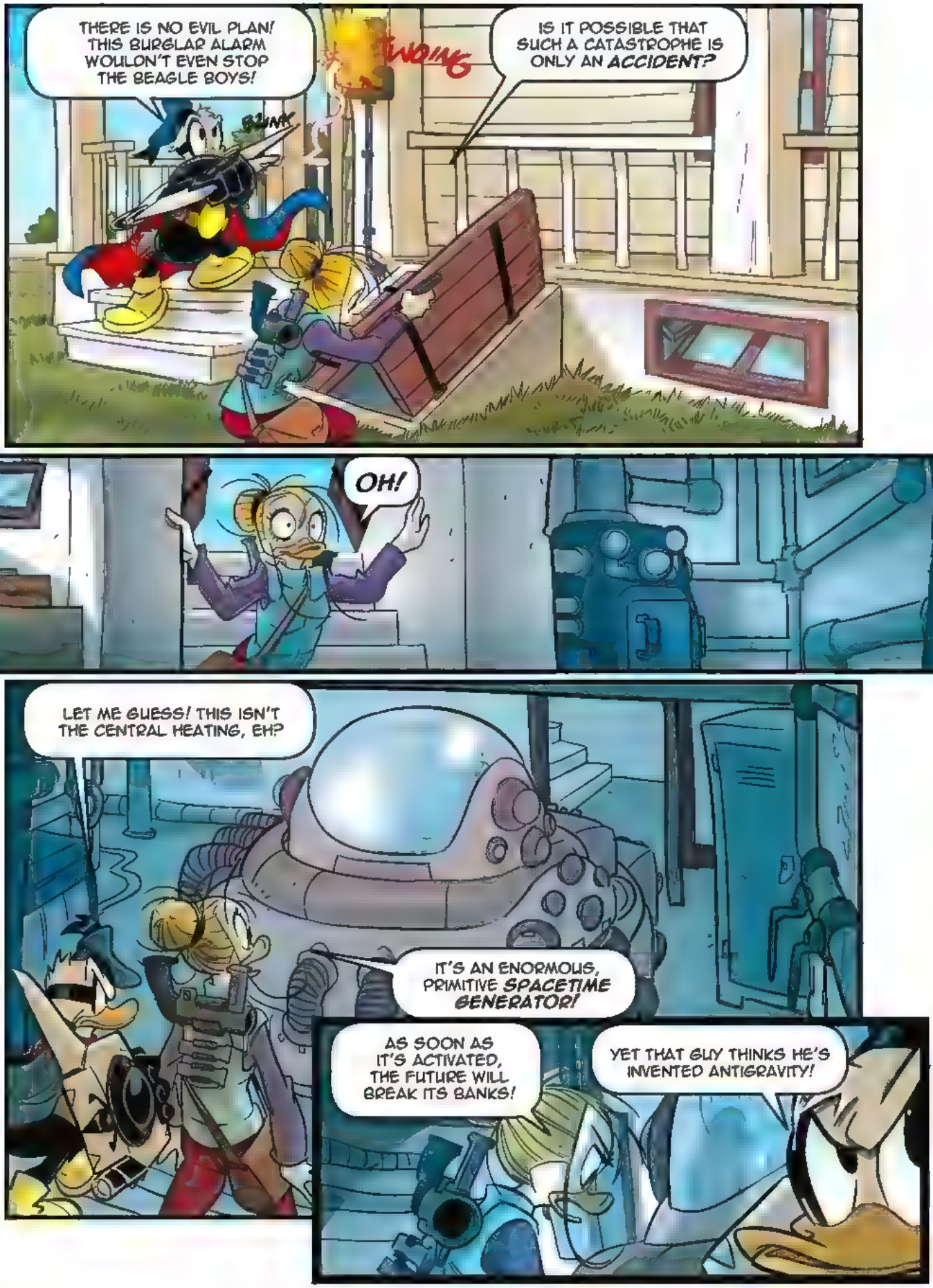

HOW DID YOU GET THE IDEA?
YEARS AGO, I WAS INSPIRED BY A VAPID JOURNALIST!


HE WAS BABBLING ABOUT A GRAVITON SUSTAINER! * DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS?
* ALSO KNOWN AS "GRAVITATIONAL SYSTEM"

NATURALLY!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! A DEVICE LIKE THAT DOESN'T EXIST!

HE JUST WANTED TO GET ME IN TROUBLE, BUT SINCE THEN I HAVEN'T STOPPED THINKING ABOUT IT!

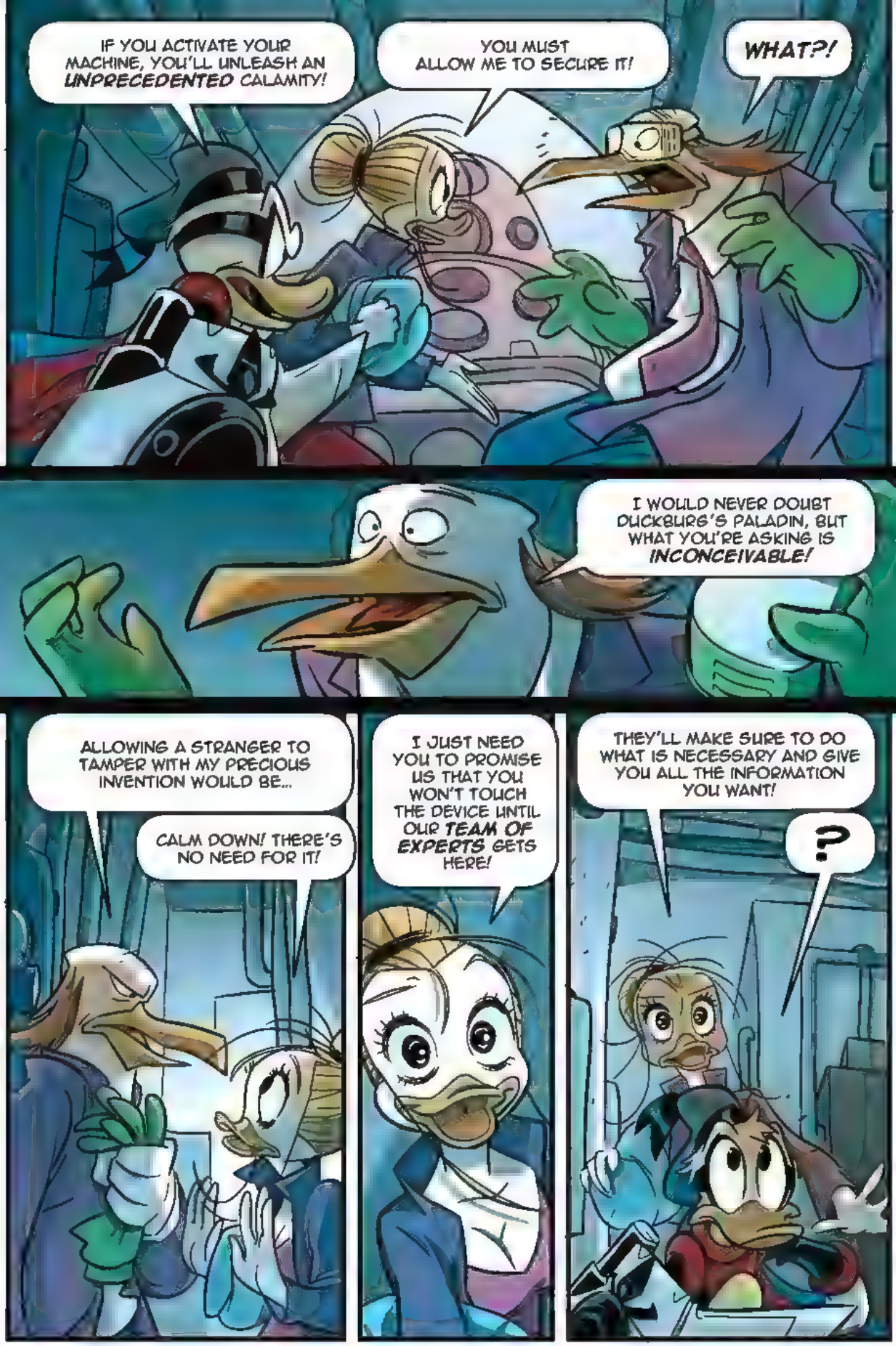
NOT EVEN AFTER I HAD BEEN FIRED DUE TO MY ONE FAILURE!
BAM
IT WAS THE END OF YOUR CAREER!
NO LONGER DID ANYONE ENTRUST IMPORTANT PROJECTS TO ME!
BUT FROM THAT MOMENT I COULD DEDICATE ALL MY TIME TO THAT GENIUS INVENTION!
IF YOU FINANCE ME, I'LL PROVE THAT IT WAS A MISTAKE TO HAVE ME RETIRE!
YOU'LL HAVE UNLIMITED FUNDS!
OBVIOUSLY WE'LL MOVE YOU AND YOUR INVENTION TO A MORE SECURE LOCATION!
WHY? WHAT DO YOU HAVE AGAINST MY CELLAR?
IT HAS ALWAYS SERVED ME WELL!
THAT MAKES ME WANT TO SEE IT!


THERE IS NO EVIL PLAN! THIS BURGLAR ALARM WOULDN'T EVEN STOP THE BEAGLE BOYS!
BLINK
TWANG
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT SUCH A CATASTROPHE IS ONLY AN ACCIDENT?
OH!
LET ME GUESS! THIS ISN'T THE CENTRAL HEATING, EH?
IT'S AN ENORMOUS, PRIMITIVE SPACETIME GENERATOR!
AS SOON AS IT'S ACTIVATED, THE FUTURE WILL BREAK ITS BANKS!
YET THAT GUY THINKS HE'S INVENTED ANTIGRAVITY!

HOW DID HE MAKE A BLUNDER LIKE THAT?
REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU ABOUT SPACE AND TIME?
YOU SAID IT WAS ONE SINGLE THING, BUT WHAT'S IT GOT TO DO WITH IT?
GRAVITY IS A DEFORMATION OF SPACETIME!
IN HIS ATTEMPT TO DOMINATE IT, THE INVENTOR HASN'T THOUGHT OF THE COLLATERAL EFFECTS!
I COULD GO INTO DETAILS, IF YOU KNEW A LITTLE ABOUT QUANTUM GRAVITY!
ABOUT WHAT? I MIGHT BE ABLE TO REPEAT IT IF YOU SAY IT AGAIN!
DON'T STRAIN YOURSELF! WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT WE FOUND THE MACHINE BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE!

THE HYPERNODE WON'T EVEN HAVE TO BE USED! I'LL TINKER WITH IT SO THAT THAT BLUNDERER NEVER REALIZES WHY IT'S NOT WORKING!
CLOMP CLOMP
UH OH!
DO IT LATER!
OH NO! HE'S ABOUT TO PUT IT INTO OPERATION!

WE CAN'T ALLOW HIM TO DO IT!
RELAX! HE WON'T!
NOT IN MY TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY!
AVENGER? WHAT...
I'VE COME TO WARN YOU OF A TERRIBLE DANGER, PROFESSOR!
FOR THIS REASON I'VE BROUGHT WITH ME THE FAMOUS DOCTOR LAYNSTEIN!
NEVER HEARD OF HER!
FIGURES! SHE WORKS FOR THE MOST SECRET OF SECRET LABORATORIES!


IF YOU ACTIVATE YOUR MACHINE, YOU'LL UNLEASH AN UNPRECEDENTED CALAMITY!
YOU MUST ALLOW ME TO SECURE IT!
WHAT?!
I WOULD NEVER DOUBT DUCKBURG'S PALADIN, BUT WHAT YOU'RE ASKING IS INCONCEIVABLE!
ALLOWING A STRANGER TO TAMPER WITH MY PRECIOUS INVENTION WOULD BE...
CALM DOWN! THERE'S NO NEED FOR IT!
I JUST NEED YOU TO PROMISE US THAT YOU WON'T TOUCH THE DEVICE UNTIL OUR TEAM OF EXPERTS GETS HERE!
THEY'LL MAKE SURE TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY AND GIVE YOU ALL THE INFORMATION YOU WANT!
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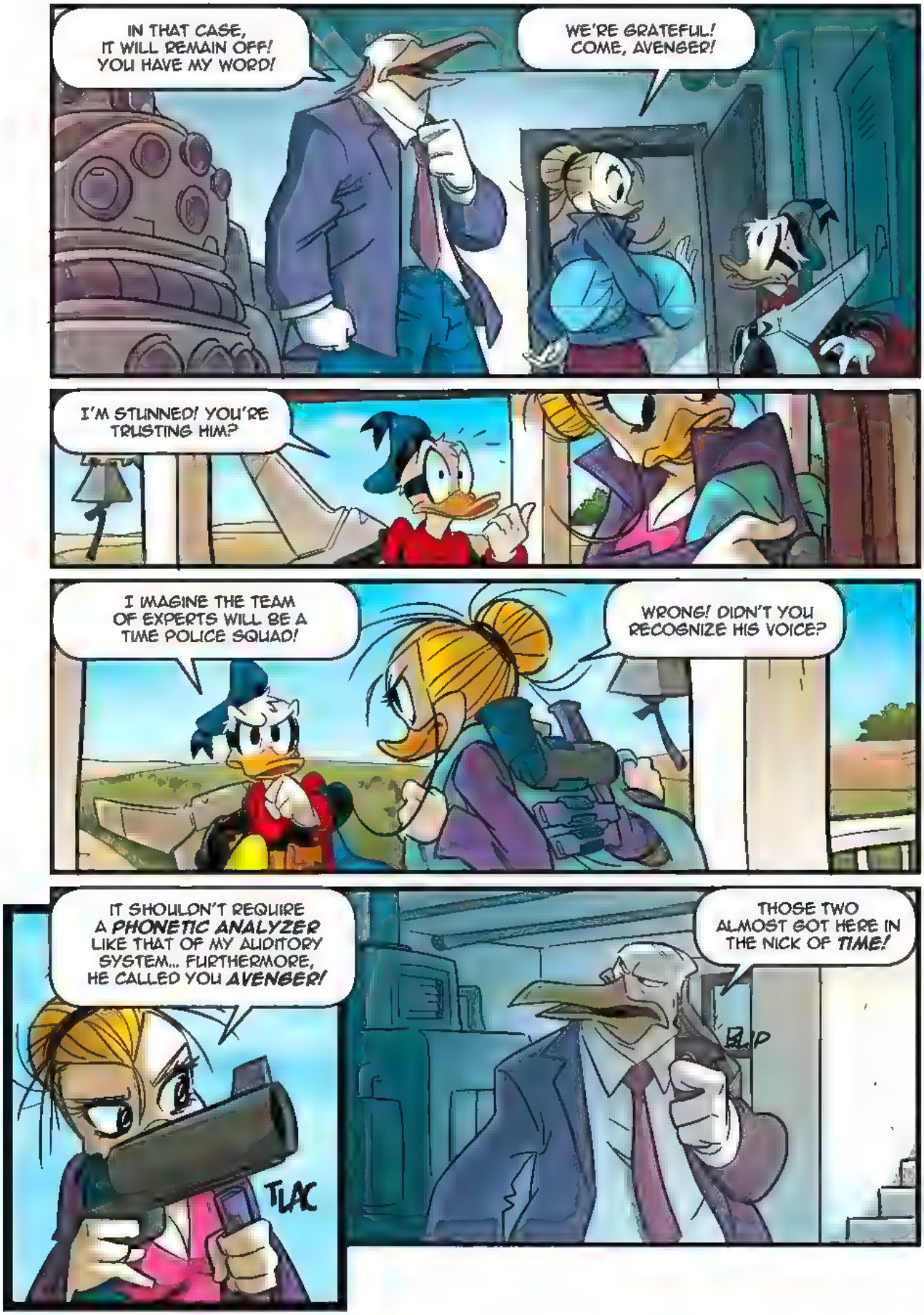

IN THAT CASE, IT WILL REMAIN OFF! YOU HAVE MY WORD!
WE'RE GRATEFUL! COME, AVENGER!
I'M STUNNED! YOU'RE TRUSTING HIM?
I IMAGINE THE TEAM OF EXPERTS WILL BE A TIME POLICE SQUAD!
WRONG! DIDN'T YOU RECOGNIZE HIS VOICE?
IT SHOULDN'T REQUIRE A PHONETIC ANALYZER LIKE THAT OF MY AUDITORY SYSTEM... FURTHERMORE, HE CALLED YOU AVENGER!
TLAC
THOSE TWO ALMOST GOT HERE IN THE NICK OF TIME!
FLIP

NICE GADGET, THIS SOMATIC REORGANIZER! BETTER THAN THE USUAL HOLOMORPHIC DISGUISES!
IT EVEN DECEIVES TIME COPS! IT DOESN'T COME FROM TIME Ø FOR NOTHING!
ENOUGH WASTING TIME! THE MOMENT HAS COME TO...
AUGH!
IS THIS HOW YOU KEEP YOUR WORD, RAIDER?
BASH

GRUNT! SO YOU DIDN'T FALL FOR IT!
OBVIOUSLY YOU'RE NOT THE INVENTOR OF THE MACHINE!
DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED! YOU DID ALMOST FOOL US!
WHAT BECAME OF HIM?
HOW DID YOU GET HERE? IT CAN'T BE THE ORGANIZATION THAT GAVE YOU THESE COORDINATES!
I PUT HIM TO SLEEP! HE WAS UNCOOPERATIVE!
THEY SAID THEY DIDN'T KNOW HOW THE TEMPORAL FLOOD CAME TO BE!
SINCE WHEN DO YOU BELIEVE CHRONO-CRIMINALS? THEY WERE LYING!
THEY POSSESS THE SAME INFORMATION AS THE TIME POLICE...

... BUT THEY FOUND IT FIRST!
STOP!
HOW DID I FALL FOR IT AGAIN? I SHOULD HAVE SEEN IT COMING!
WATCH OUT, IT'S HIS USUAL TRICK! HE VANISHES INTO TIME...
... AND RETURNS TO GET YOU FROM BEHIND AN INSTANT EARLIER!
THIS TIME I REAPPEARED TEN SECONDS LATER!
THE MACHINE!
HE ACTIVATED IT!

THAT'S RIGHT! NOW TRY TO TURN IT OFF!
CAN'T WE PULL THE PLUG?
IT'S USELESS! ONCE IT'S ACTIVATED, IT TRIGGERS A CHAIN REACTION!
WE'D BETTER STRIKE IT TOGETHER AT THAT SPOT!
ROGER THAT!
KRAAAKK
KA-BLAM
IT'S NOT STOPPING!
DOESN'T MATTER! THAT WAS THE SPATIOTEMPORAL INDUCTION COIL!
NOW THAT WE'VE DESTROYED IT, THE MACHINE WILL ONLY PRODUCE GRAVITY!

IT'S STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT!
YEAH...
IT'S A LITTLE LATE TO TAKE NOTICE, AGENT! THE FUTURE IS SAVED, BUT WE WON'T SEE IT AGAIN!
THAT RATTLETRAP IS OUT OF CONTROL! THE GRAVITY WILL INCREASE UNTIL IT'S TRANSFORMED INTO A BLACK HOLE!
IT WILL SWALLOW EVERYTHING AROUND IT, INCLUDING US!
YOU CAN ALWAYS RUN OFF TO ANOTHER ERA, RAIDER!
I, HOWEVER, DON'T GIVE UP SO EASILY!
BY NOW IT'S ABSORBING ANY FORM OF ENERGY!
I DIDN'T EVEN DAMAGE IT!

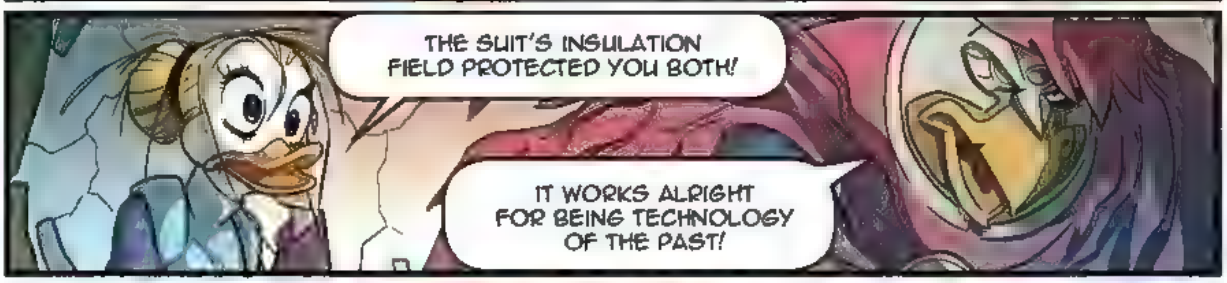
BUT WE STILL HAVE A HOPE!
THE HYPERNODE!
DON'T LET GO OF THE CAPSULE! I NEED TO CONFIGURE IT!
WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH IT?
NOT ME! ONLY YOU CAN MANAGE IT, AVENGER!
PUT ON YOUR SPECIAL SUIT! IT MAY BE ENOUGH TO PROTECT YOU FROM THE GRAVITATIONAL FORCES!
YOU'RE GOING TO PLACE THE HYPERNODE ON THE MACHINE!
WHIIIRR

WHAT MESS HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOURSELF INTO, YOU CARICATURE? THIS SEEMS TO BE...
... YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SHUT UP! I DON'T HAVE TIME TO GIVE YOU DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS!
JUST TRY TO KEEP ME OPERATIONAL AS LONG AS YOU CAN!
NO!
IT WON'T END LIKE THIS, AVENGER! I WON'T ALLOW YOU!

OH? WHAT KIND OF PLACE IS THIS?
YOU'VE GOTTEN COCKY ONE TOO MANY TIMES!
WITHIN A BLACK HOLE, THE LAWS OF PHYSICS ARE CONTORTED!
MOREOVER, YOUR NANOELECTRONIC SUIT'S ENERGY RESERVE IS ALMOST DEPLETED!
OPTIMISTIC UNTIL THE END, EH? BUT IT'S NOT OVER YET...
... AND YOU KNOW SOMETHING? IT'S NOT OVER UNTIL IT'S OVER!

I HAVE TO GET BACK OUT! I HAVE TO...
QUACK!
TWOOM
THE MACHINE HAS COLLAPSED, YET THE BLACK HOLE ISN'T SUCKING ANYTHING IN ANYMORE!
I HOPE THE AVENGER... EEEK!

JUST IN TIME! THE BLACK HOLE *IMPLODED!*
PANT! YOU'RE SURPRISED? *TIMING* HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY FORTE!


THE SUIT'S INSULATION FIELD PROTECTED YOU BOTH!
IT WORKS ALRIGHT FOR BEING TECHNOLOGY OF THE PAST!

NOT... FOR... LONG...
DID YOU HEAR THAT TOO? WHAT...
GROAN...

D-DID I M-MAKE IT?
AT THE LAST NANOSECOND, LITTLE MASKY!

ONCE AGAIN YOU'VE MADE IT OUT WITH YOUR *FEATHERY BEHIND!*
THANKS TO YOU! I'LL END UP BELIEVING THAT YOU'RE ALSO A HERO!

WATCH THAT YOU SAY! I MIGHT TAKE OFFENSE!
YET YOU SAVED THE AVENGER!
BAH! I ONLY FOLLOWED HIM BECAUSE I HOPED THERE WAS STILL A WAY TO CHANGE THINGS!
BUT WHEN I SAW THAT TIME WAS UP, I DECIDED TO BRING HIM BACK HERE!
BECAUSE...?
BECAUSE I HAVE NO OTHER ADVERSARY WHO'S THAT ENTERTAINING!
SLAP
OOOF!
NOW ARREST ME, AGENT! I DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO ESCAPE!
IT'S THE RIGHT CHOICE!
I'LL TESTIFY THAT YOU HELPED US AT THE TRIAL!
DON'T BOTHER! WHAT DID I TELL YOU ABOUT BELIEVING CHRONOCRIMINALS?

I WAS LYING! HA HA!
IF YOU WANTED TO CAPTURE HIM YOU COULD HAVE BEEN QUICKER ABOUT IT!
MAYBE... BUT WHO WOULD SAVE MY FAVORITE ALLY'S FEATHERY BEHIND NEXT TIME?
YOU WERE GREAT, AVENGER!
THOUGH I HAVEN'T YET FIGURED OUT WHAT IT IS THAT I DID!
AN EXPLANATION WOULD BE GOOO!
THE HYPERNODE WAS CREATED TO KEEP TIME Ø OUTSIDE OF SPACETIME!
WHEN YOU PLACED IT ON THE MACHINE, IT ANCHORED IT TO THE CLOSEST ATEMPORAL FULCRUM, WHERE IT CAN DO NO HARM!

DON'T MOVE!
LONG TIME NO SEE!
SO THE ORGANIZATION NO LONGER OCCUPIES OUR BASE!
WE'VE RECAPTURED IT!
THEN WE HURRIED TO THE ORIGIN OF THE TEMPORAL FLOOD!
WE'RE HERE TO PREVENT IT!
ALREADY DONE! TRY TO BE MORE PUNCTUAL NEXT TIME!
IN THAT CASE YOU'LL HAVE TO COME WITH US TO THE TWENTY-THIRD CENTURY!
FOR WHAT REASON?
SOMEONE STOLE THE HYPERNODE, CAUSING TIME Ø TO FALL INTO REAL SPACETIME!

THE CHRONO-COMMANDER SUSPECTS THAT IT WAS YOU!
IT WAS A CRITICAL SITUATION! I DIDN'T...
HOW ABSURD! WHY NOT THE ORGANIZATION?
THEY WANTED TO DESTROY TIME O RATHER THAN LET YOU TAKE IT BACK!
BUT THE CHRONOCOMMANDER...
THAT CHRONO-CHARLATAN? HE SHOULD BE COVERING US WITH MEDALS! HE'D STILL BE IN HIS CELL IF NOT FOR US!
DO YOU THEN INTEND TO RESIST?
ON THE CONTRARY, I'LL COME WILLINGLY!
THAT WAY I CAN PUBLICLY DENOUNCE THE INCOMPETENCE OF YOUR BOSS!
HE WON'T BE VERY HAPPY!

SHOULD WE REALLY BRING THIS TROUBLEMAKER INTO THE FUTURE?
ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY? I'M NOT!
WE BETTER GO ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS!
MAKE NO HASTE! YOU'VE GOT ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD, DON'T YOU?
YOU'VE SPENT TOO MUCH TIME WITH THE RAIDER!
DO YOU THINK WE'LL SEE THEM AGAIN?
THEY HAVE NO PROOF AGAINST US AND AN INVESTIGATION COULD REALLY SHOW THE CHRONO-COMMANDER'S INCOMPETENCE!
IN ANY CASE, EVEN IF THEY DO RETURN, THEY WON'T FIND US HERE!
WHAT A HEADACHE!

WHERE DID THAT GENTLEMAN GO? FIRST HE PROMISES TO FINANCE ME AND THEN...
AAAGH! THE MACHINE HAS DISAPPEARED!
THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT! THESE ARE THE SIGNS OF A MONSTROUS GRAVITATIONAL PULL! MEANING THAT MY INVENTION...
... WORKS! I ONLY NEED TO DISCOVER THE DEFECT THAT MADE IT COLLAPSE!
THEN I'LL RECONSTRUCT IT AND THE NAME OF SEAMUS HOGG WILL AGAIN HAVE ITS RESPECTED PLACE IN THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD!

ANOTHER PLACE, ANOTHER TIME...
WELCOME BACK HOME, AVENGER, AND... THANK YOU!
I KNOW IT'S NOT THE MOST NORMAL THING TO SAY AFTER WHAT'S HAPPENED, BUT IT'S BEEN NICE, LYLA!
JUST LIKE OLD TIMES, EH?
ALL THE MORE SO!
IT REALLY FELT LIKE THINGS WERE BACK TO...
AGAIN? THOSE ORGANIZATION BLOCKHEADS FAIL TO REALIZE WHEN THEY'VE BEEN BEATEN!
VRROAM
SCREEECH
IT CAN'T BE THEM! WE'VE RESTORED THE CHRONOCONTINUITY!

THAT MAY BE, BUT YOU NEVER KNOW WITH TIME TANGLES!
SHOW ME YOUR HANDS AND TRY NOTHING FUNNY!
WHAT A HOSTILE RECEPTION, QUACK AVENGER!
AREN'T YOU GLAD TO SEE ME AGAIN?
ANGUS FANGUS?
I THOUGHT YOU HAD BEEN HIRED BY A NEWS STATION IN NEW ZEALAND!
WERE YOU MISSING ME? I'M TOUCHED!
I WAS ONLY THERE AS LONG AS WAS NEEDED FOR THEM TO OFFER ME THE POSITION OF DUCKBURG'S CORRESPONDENT!
NOT EVEN THEY COULD STAND YOU!

SO WE'LL BE REPORTING TOGETHER AGAIN?
PRECISELY... AND FOR THE SAME STATION, LYLA!
MY CORRESPONDENT CONTRACT ALLOWS ME TO ACCEPT OTHER TASKS, SO I MADE SURE I WAS REHIRED!
GIVE ME YOUR CONGRATULATIONS! I WILL WORK SIMULTANEOUSLY FOR KWNWK-KIWINETWORK AND DOUBLE ZERO NEWS!
JUST LIKE OLD TIMES! RIGHT, AVENGER?
GROAN! TOO MUCH SO!

THE END

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